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FOR THE YEAR

1897.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY GEORGE HENRY, EARL CADOGAN, K.G.,

LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE, the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, submit the following General Report of our proceedings during the year 1897.

The constitution of our Commission remains the same as it was at the date of our last Report: the names of the Commissioners are set out *infra*, Appendix A, No. I., page 8. Constitution of Commission.

We held Quarterly Meetings on January 19, April 9, July 1, and October 5, and Special Meetings on June 15 and December 14. A Table of the attendances of the Commissioners is given *infra*, Appendix A, No. III., page 9. At the meeting held on January 19, we elected the Right Rev. Monsignor Molloy to be our Chairman, and the Rev. R. M'Cheyne Edgar to be our Vice-Chairman for the year. Meetings and Attendances.

The Standing Committee met 22 times during the year for the despatch of business. The names of the Standing Committee are given *infra*, Appendix A, No. II., page 8, and in Appendix A, No. IV., is given a Table of the attendances of the members of the Standing Committee. Standing Committee.

The resignation of Mr. Fleming, who had been our Clerk for a period of nearly 58 years, was accepted by us, as from August 1, 1897. After a protracted correspondence, through Your Excellency, with the Treasury, Mr. Fleming was created a Civil Servant for the purposes of pension on retirement, and was awarded a retiring annuity of £76 10*s*. It is to be regretted that the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury considered themselves precluded from awarding Mr. Fleming his full retiring pension of £180, by the technical objection that Mr. Fleming's salary only appeared on the Votes since the year 1880, although his salary was provided for by Parliament, in the general Estimate for the Expenses of the Commission, ever since those expenses were thrown upon the Votes in the year 1853; and while we were constrained to acquiesce in the decision of the Treasury, we feel that the recompense for Mr. Fleming's long and meritorious service is very inadequate. Superannuation of Clerk.

On the other hand, we regard with satisfaction the arrangements lately made by the Treasury for the salary of the Clerk, whereby that officer will receive £150 a year, rising by annual increments of £5 to £300 a year. At our meeting, held on January 11, we appointed Mr. Stanislaus Murphy, B.A., to be our Clerk, subject to his passing an examination in certain subjects which have been suggested by the Civil Service Commissioners and agreed to by us, and subject also to his obtaining Arrangements for new Clerk.

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from the Civil Service Commissioners a certificate of qualification. In this connection we are pleased to report that the above mentioned Commissioners, on our recommendation, have issued to our Secretary, without examination, a certificate of qualification under the Order in Council of June 4, 1870, clause VII., and we take this opportunity of expressing our gratification that the status of pensionable servants of the State, which was expressly recognised by the Superannuation Act of 1834, has been restored to the staff of our Commission.

Accounts.

Accounts.—In Appendix B, *infra*, pp. 10–18, we print Abstracts of our audited Accounts for the year, together with the Report of the Local Government Board Auditor on the same. Our total Receipts amounted to £9,347 19*s.* 6*d.*, of which £6,573 7*s.* 6*d.* was derived from rents. Our Expenditure was £9,007 19*s.* 3*d.* Of this sum, £2,461 7*s.* 10*d.* was absorbed by rents, rates, and other outgoings chargeable against our Estates, including the expenses of Estate management. The payment of retired Masters annuities required £1,475 8*s.* 5*d.*, which, however, is less by £300 than the amount paid under this head last year. The saving is largely due to the cessation of Dr. Ringwood's annuity on June 29, when this distinguished old Head Master died. For Educational purposes, we distributed or applied £4,043 9*s.* 0*d.*, and we invested, for the benefit of several Local Bodies and Endowment Capital Accounts, the sum of £1,313 15*s.* 5*d.* in the purchase of £494 Great Southern and Western Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock, and £372 Great Northern Railway (Ireland) like Stock. Comparing the figures with the corresponding ones for 1896, it will be seen that our receipts from Land rents were approximately equal in both years. The increase of over £200 in the cost of Estate management is mainly due to unusual legal expenses in connection with the hearing of fair rent cases on the Armagh and Fermanagh Estates.

Report.

The Ulster Royal School Endowments.—As in previous years, there are ten Schools conducted under our Scheme with a view to obtaining a share of these Endowments. We are gratified to be able to report that, on the whole, the Schools are still increasing in numbers as well as in efficiency. Mr. Murphy has furnished us, as usual, with a general Report of his inspection of these Schools for the year ending August 1, 1897, to which we beg to refer: it will be found in Appendix C, *infra*, page 19. There were, in all, 599 pupils on the School Rolls, and 567 in average attendance during the year. 308 pupils competed at the Intermediate Examinations last June, and of these, 192 passed the Examinations generally. These figures are a distinct improvement on the corresponding figures for the year 1896: being an increase of nearly 5 per cent. in the proportion of the number of passes to the number on the Rolls of the Schools. That proportion is 32 per cent., which is 2 per cent. higher than the same proportion for the aggregate of the Irish Schools for the year 1897. Similarly, the proportion of the number of competitors to the number on the School Rolls is 51 per cent., being 2·5 per cent. above the corresponding proportion for the whole of Ireland.

While the Intermediate Results show that these Schools are increasing in numbers and efficiency, and that they are decidedly above the average of Irish Intermediate Schools, we are satisfied that the Educational progress of the Schools, as a whole, is real and substantial, and that they are steadily advancing in usefulness, efficiency, and popularity.

Armagh.

With one exception, all the Schools fulfilled the conditions prescribed by the Scheme to entitle them to share in the Endowments of their respective districts. That exception is Armagh Royal School, and while we regret the failure of this old institution to attain the prescribed standard of efficiency, we have good reason for believing that the failure is due to temporary causes, and we have strong hopes that, under the care of the distinguished Graduate of Dublin University who has lately been appointed Head Master, the School will again take a prominent place amongst the Intermediate Schools of the North of Ireland. Under these circumstances we have dispensed, for this year, with the fulfilment, by Armagh Royal School, of the conditions wherein it failed, so that it may not be deprived of its share of the Armagh Royal School Endowment.

Money distributed.

The total amount of money distributed, during the year, among the Local Boards of Education, in respect of their shares of the Ulster Royal School Endowments, including the dividends on building funds belonging to three of the Roman Catholic Boards, was £3,236 4*s.* 5*d.*

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This is appreciably less than the corresponding amount for the year 1896. The decrease is, to a large extent, due to Estate charges for costs incurred on the hearing of applications of tenants on our Armagh and Fermanagh Estates to have fair rents fixed. Further, the result of the hearing of those cases has been that the apprehensions we expressed in our Report last year have been realized, and the rents in question reduced by about 20 per cent. We fear therefore that the slender income of the Armagh Boards, already reduced last year, will shrink still further during the current year, and we accordingly have to express our regret that Your Excellency was unable to give effect to the views expressed by us last year that the annuities payable, out of the Endowments, to retired Masters, should be made chargeable upon public moneys.

The Local Boards of Education.—In Appendix D, *infra*, pp. 21–37, we print the Reports and Accounts of these Boards. These reports deal mainly with the School work of the year, and the manner in which the Boards have discharged their duties. The "Free Place" Examinations held by the Protestant Boards seem to have attracted but three candidates, whereas, at the Examinations held by the Roman Catholic Boards, there appears to have been a brisk competition. The above mentioned three candidates presented themselves at the Examinations held by the Tyrone Protestant Board of Education, but all of them failed in shewing sufficient merit. The Cavan Protestant Board have suggested that a modification of the requirements of the Scheme as to Free Places is desirable. We are considering whether some arrangement cannot be made whereby the existing provisions of the Scheme may be rendered more effective. Local Boards. "Free Places."

Carysfort Royal School Endowment.—The net receipts of this Endowment, amounting to £118 18*s.* 1*d.*, were distributed amongst the five schools in the Carysfort District which were entitled to share in the Endowment. Small as the amount was, in each case, the money we were able to give has conferred substantial benefit on the Schools in question, which are all situated in a mountainous and sparsely inhabited district of the County Wicklow. But for the help derived from this Endowment, three of the Schools would probably have to be closed, as the numbers in attendance would not be sufficient to provide Class Salaries from the Board of National Education. Carysfort.

The Preston Endowments.—On November 1, 1897, the Rev. Canon Keene, who was an annuitant to the extent of £100 a year, Irish currency, on the Navan portion of these Endowments, resigned the Head Mastership of the Preston School, Navan, having been appointed Bishop of Meath. Preston Endowments

The Preston School, Abbeyleix, which is now in the enjoyment of the whole of the income of the Queen's County share of the Preston Endowments, is continuing its career of popularity and progress. The last Report of the Abbeyleix Local School Authority is printed in Appendix D, No. XI., *infra*, page 37. Forty-six pupils are now at the School, being an increase of 5 over last year. Although the School has been little more than two years in existence, it has already done creditably at the Intermediate Examinations, while the progress and attainments of the pupils, as tested by the annual School Examinations, shows that the training given by Mr. Carleton and his assistants has been careful and thorough. Our Secretary, whom Your Excellency has been pleased to appoint Inspector of the School, quite confirms the favourable impression we have formed of its efficiency and usefulness. The buildings and School appliances are in good order, but the School has already out-grown the accommodation which the School Authority, with the limited means at their disposal, were enabled, in the first instance, to provide, and to meet the want of accommodation which thus exists, the Head Master has rented a commodious house in the vicinity of the School. We paid the School Authority during the year the sum of £203 12*s.* 5*d.*, being the net income of the Queen's County Endowment. Abbeyleix.

The Leamy Endowment, Limerick.—We applied £243 8*s.* 1*d.* for the benefit of the Schools sharing this Endowment. The Schools are two in number, one managed by the Leamy Protestant Board, and carried on in a house rented for the purpose in Mallow-street, Limerick, under the name of the High School, and one under the Leamy Roman Catholic Board. The latter is carried on in the Schoolhouse in Hartstonge-street, Limerick, which was formerly known as Leamy's Free School, and which was transferred to the Roman Catholic Board by the Scheme for the future management of the Endowments, framed under the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885. There Leamy Endowments.

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were 41 pupils on the Roll of the High School, which is a "mixed" School of 11 boys and 30 girls. The pupils are of all ages from infants of 7 years to youths and maidens of 16 or 17. The School course accordingly is both elementary and Intermediate. The Staff consists of a Head Mistress and three assistants, two of whom, together with the Head Mistress, were formerly teaching in Leamy's Free School, and were taken over by the Protestant Board to carry on the new School. Their salaries are partially provided for in the shape of the retiring allowances which they receive, under the Scheme, as teachers of the old School, so long as they are employed by the Protestant Board. The School house is not altogether suitable, and the sanitary arrangements require to be seen to.

The Leamy National School is one of the finest and most efficient elementary Schools in Ireland. There are 614 pupils on the roll, all being children of the poor of Limerick. The National Board Inspector reports the School to be in a very high state of efficiency, though not so high as it was in the year 1896, when it won for its Head Master, Mr. Joyce, the "Carlisle Prize." The old Free School buildings have been remodelled and improved at very considerable expense, and when a proper system of ventilation has been provided, the School will be suitable and sufficient, in every way, for the accommodation and instruction of the large number of pupils that resort to it.

Banagher and Diocesan Funds.

The Endowments of Banagher Royal School, and the Diocesan School Funds.—The indebtedness of the Banagher Endowments to this Board is gradually being reduced: the amount of principal debt now due being £200 15*s.* 11*d.*, as against £258 8*s.* 9*d.* last year.

We have not yet been able to devise a satisfactory plan for applying the income of this group of Endowments.

Scheme No. 90 under the Educational Endowments Act provides that the income of these several Endowments shall be applied for the promotion of Intermediate Education in the localities to which the Endowments respectively belong, either as direct aid to Intermediate Schools in those localities, or by providing prizes or paying School fees for pupils attending those Schools. At present, by reason of the debt due from the Banagher Endowments, the income of the Diocesan School funds, which amounts to about £80 a year, is alone available, and as the number of "Intermediate" Schools interested is more than forty, distributed over eleven counties, the duty of distributing the income, having regard, as required by the Scheme, to the needs of each locality and the relative numbers of pupils receiving or requiring Intermediate Education, would involve an investigation which we have not the means of carrying out, and an expenditure which we would not feel justified in charging against the Endowments. The question of applying the income is, however, under our careful consideration.

Viscount Limerick Endowment, Dundalk.

The Viscount Limerick Endowment, Dundalk.—During the year, we took up possession of the Dundalk Endowed School from the Head Master, Mr. G. W. Johnson, and we sold the same to the Dundalk Town Commissioners for a sum of £600. We have also commuted Mr. Johnson's annuity of £30 for a sum of £330, and we consider this transaction to be an advantageous method of getting rid of the first charge on the Endowments, involving a permanent reduction of income of less than £9 a year. We have not yet been in a position to distribute any income for the educational purposes of the Scheme, but we shall have a substantial sum to divide by the time the next Intermediate Examination results are published.

Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt.

The Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt.—Pursuant to the terms of Scheme No. 128, the "Trustees" have submitted to us a plan for the distribution of the income, amounting to about £15 per annum, by way of prizes for the various classes of the Eyrecourt National Schools. We think, however, that this money may be more usefully applied in the promotion of Technical Education at those Schools, and we have invited the Trustees to favour us with their suggestions as to the manner in which this application of the Endowment can be most beneficially carried into effect. The Eyrecourt Male National School has been transferred to the premises of the Endowed School, Eyrecourt, which have been partially repaired. Upon the repairs being completed to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of National Education, the Manager of the Schools will be entitled to receive from us a sum of £50 towards the cost of such repairs.

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Estate Management.

In Appendix B, Nos. IV. and V., *infra*, pp. 16–17, we give Summaries of our Rentals and our Agents' Accounts for the year to September—November, 1896. We allowed, for that year, abatements of 15 per cent. to the non-judicial tenants on our Tyrone and Fermanagh Estates.

In comparing the rent collection of 1896 with that of 1895, we must leave out of consideration the amount received from our Banagher Estate, of which we only resumed our control in the first mentioned year. The general collection was not so good as that of the year 1895, being about £190 short. This is mainly accounted for by an increase of arrears on the Tyrone Estate. Excluding this increase, the aggregate of the arrears on the other Estates is less than what it was for 1895.

For the year ending November 1897, we authorized an abatement of 15 per cent. to non-judicial tenants on our Tyrone Estate, and we further authorized the Agent of our Fermanagh Estate to expend, in purchase of seed potatoes and seed oats, 15 per cent. of the rents of those non-judicial tenants who paid in full. The Rentals for the year in question have not yet been made up, but they will undoubtedly show a material decrease in our Rent Roll.

We have agreed with our Cavan tenants to sell to them their holdings through the Irish Land Commission. Most of the agreements for sale have been completed and the advances sanctioned. Our Fermanagh tenants have made us an offer to buy their holdings, and negotiations are still pending.

All which we have the honour to submit to Your Excellency as our Report in the premises.

Sealed with our Common Seal at a Meeting
held this Fourteenth day of April, 1898.

Present when the Seal was affixed :—

ROB. M'CHEYNE EDGAR, D.D., *Chairman.*

GERALD MOLLOY,
JAMES H. STRONGE,
J. M. HAMILTON,
H. B. WILSON,
D. H. MADDEN.
M. COYNE,
P. J. BYRNE,
W. J. M. STARKIE.
✠ WILLIAM J. WALSH, Archbishop of Dublin.
} *Commissioners.*

N. D. MURPHY,
Secretary.

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APPENDIX A.

NAMES OF COMMISSIONERS, 1898. ATTENDANCE ROLLS, 1897.

No. I.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND.

I. Appointed by the Lord Lieutenant:

1. Rev. R. M'Cheyne Edgar, D.D., M.A., *Chairman.*
2. Right Rev. Monsignor Molloy, D.D., D.Sc., *Vice-Chairman.*
3. R. Y. Tyrrell, Esq., Litt.D., F.T.C.D.
4. Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne.
5. R. P. Carton, Esq., Q.C.
6. Rev. Wallace M'Mullen, D.D.
7. W. J. M. Starkie, Esq., M.A., President, Queen's College, Galway.
8. Rev. J. M. Hamilton, A.M.
9. Right Hon. Mr. Justice Madden.
10. James H. Monahan, Esq., Q.C.

II. Elected by the Local Boards of Education:

11. J. H. Stronge, Esq., J.P., Armagh Protestant Board.
12. Very Rev. M. Canon Coyne, P.P., Armagh Roman Catholic Board.
13. Anthony Traill, Esq., LL.D., M.D., Cavan Protestant Board.
14. His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, Cavan Roman Catholic Board.
15. His Honor Judge Craig, Donegal Protestant Board.
16. Very Rev. James C. MacGinley, Donegal Roman Catholic Board.
17. Right Rev. Dr. Stack, Lord Bishop of Clogher, Fermanagh Protestant Board.
18. Most Rev. Dr. Owens, Lord Bishop of Clogher, Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board.
19. Rev. H. B. Wilson, D.D., Tyrone Protestant Board.
20. Right Rev. Monsignor Byrne, Tyrone Roman Catholic Board.

No. II.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE, 1898.

1. The Chairman, } *ex-officio.*
2. The Vice-Chairman, } *ex-officio.*
3. Mr. Carton.
4. Judge Craig.
5. Rev. Mr. Hamilton.
6. Mr. Justice Madden.
7. Mr. Monahan.
8. Very Rev. James MacGinley.
9. Mr. Starkie.
10. Dr. Traill.

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No. III.

ATTENDANCE ROLL OF THE COMMISSIONERS, 1897.

Name of Commissioner.	Dates of Meetings.						Total.
	January 19.	April 9.	Special June 15.	July 1.	October 5.	Special December 14.	
Monsignor Molloy, *Chairman*	1	-	1	1	1	1	5
Rev. Dr. Edgar, *Vice-Chairman*	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
Browne, Most Rev. Dr.	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
Byrne, Monsignor	1	1	-	1	1	-	4
Carton, Mr.	-	-	1	-	1	1	3
Coyne, Very Rev. Canon	1	1	-	-	1	-	3
Craig, Judge	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Hamilton, Rev. Mr.	1	-	-	1	1	-	3
Madden, Mr. Justice	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Monahan, Mr.	-	-	1	1	1	1	4
MacGinley, Very Rev. Dean	1	-	-	1	1	1	4
M'Mullen, Rev. Dr.	1	1	-	1	-	1	4
Owens, Most Rev. Dr.	1	1	-	1	1	-	4
Stack, Right Rev. Dr.	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
Starkie, Mr.	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
Stronge, Mr.	1	1	-	1	1	-	4
Traill, Dr.	1	1	1	1	-	-	4
Tyrrell, Dr.	1	-	-	-	1	1	3
Walsh, Most Rev. Dr.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Wilson, Rev. Dr.	-	-	-	1	-	-	1

No. IV.

ATTENDANCE ROLL OF STANDING COMMITTEE, 1897.

Total Number of Meetings summoned during the Year—**24.**

Total Number of Meetings held during the Year—**22.**

Names of Commissioners.	Dates of Meetings.																								
	January 12.	February 2	February 8, Special.	February 23.	March 2.	March 16, Special	March 30.	*April 27.	May 11.	May 25.	May 31, Special.	June 15.	June 29.	July 13.	July 27	August 10.	September 7.	*September 28.	October 5.	October 19.	November 9	November 23.	December 7	December 14, Special.	Totals.
Monsignor Molloy	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	7
Dr. Edgar	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Carton, Mr.	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	16
Craig, Judge	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	10
Hamilton, Mr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Madden, Judge	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	5
Monahan, Mr.	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	18
MacGinley, Dean	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	13
Starkie, Mr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Traill, Dr.	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	11

* No quorum—only one Commissioner attended.

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THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION

APPENDIX B—

No. I.—SUMMARY OF

Dr. Made up to

TITLE OF ACCOUNT.	—		
	£	s.	d.
To Orders outstanding,	308	15	5
„ Armagh, Income,	165	18	0
„ Cavan, do.,	350	15	1
„ Donegal, do.,	78	0	11
„ Do, Sale,	5	8	4
„ Fermanagh, Income,	710	8	9
„ Tyrone, do.,	242	13	8
„ Enniskillen, Capital,	145	1	0
„ Cavan Roman Catholic Board, Income,	34	13	2
„ Fermanagh do, do.,	56	17	3
„ Tyrone do., do.,	37	0	0
„ Carysfort, Income,	67	13	8
„ Athlone Private School,	2	5	2
„ Banks' Endowment, Eyrecourt,	164	9	3
„ Preston School, Navan,	162	14	2
„ Preston, Queen's Co., Endowment,	167	13	11
„ Do., do., Capital,	53	1	1
„ Leamy Endowment, Income,	77	1	11
„ Leamy Protestant Board,	20	19	5
„ Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan Endowment,	18	3	4
„ Limerick, &c., do., do.,	97	1	11
„ Meath and Ardagh do., do.,	40	2	9
„ Tuam, &c., do., do.,	43	4	0
„ Representatives of Owen,	5	2	4
„ J. J. Benison, Raphoe,	2	0	8
Total,	£3,057	5	2

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ACCOUNTS.

CASH ACCOUNTS.

December 31st, 1897. *Cr.*

Title of Account.	—		
	£	s.	d.
By Armagh Endowment, Capital,	145	1	0
„ Tyrone Endowment, Loan to Tenants,	29	6	1
„ Banagher Endowment,	200	15	11
„ Armagh Protestant Board, Income,	123	3	1
„ Fermanagh Protestant Board, Income,	52	13	0
„ Tyrone Protestant Board, do.,	7	13	6
„ Donegal Protestant Board, do.,	28	7	8
„ Cash (Agents' Accounts),	891	10	4
„ Leamy Roman Catholic Board,	1	10	0
„ Viscount Limerick Endowment,	18	9	3
„ Cash Current Account, Bank of Ireland,	1,394	1	1
„ Do., do., do., Eyrecourt School,	164	9	3
Total,	£3,057	5	2

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THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION

No. II.—STOCK

Dr. Made up to

Description of Security.	— £	s.	d.
Government 2¾ per Cent. Consolidated Stock:—			
Commissioners of Education in Ireland, Account A,	24,927	2	8
Do. do., Account B,	164	2	10
Accountant-General, credit of Commissioners and Great Southern and Western Railway,	903	19	2
Bishop of Clonfert, and others, and Commissioners,	440	6	9
Bank of Ireland (Security for Overdraft),	2,000	0	0
	28,435	11	5
Other Government Security:—			
Guarantee Deposit Land Stock,	1,892	0	0
Canada 3 per cent. Stock,	498	16	2
Railway Debenture Stock, &c.:—			
Midland Great Western Railway 4 per cent. Rent Charge,	1,106	0	0
Do. do. 4 do. Debenture Stock,	3,308	0	0
Do. do. 4½ do. do.	1,300	0	0
	5,714	0	0
Great Southern and Western Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock,	1,744	0	0
	1,744	0	0
Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford 4 per cent. Debenture Stock,	741	0	0
Do., do. 4½ per cent. do.,	200	0	0
	941	0	0
Cork and Bandon 4½ per cent. Debenture Stock,	1,500	0	0
Cork and Macroom 4 per cent. Debenture Stock,	1,000	0	0
Donegal Railway 5 per cent Debenture Stock,	450	0	0
	450	0	0
Great Northern Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock,	372	0	0

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MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT.

December 31st. 1897.

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Title of Endowment Account, &c.	— £	s.	d.
Government 2¾ per Cent. Consolidated Stock:—			
Cavan Endowment,	3,623	10	7
Fermanagh do.,	6,048	1	11
Cavan Roman Catholic Board of Education,	2,607	11	3
Fermanagh do. do.,	1,499	1	3
Tyrone do. do.,	2,784	9	10
Carysfort Endowment,	1,313	11	10
Athlone Private School,	184	2	10
Banks' Endowment, Eyrecourt,	440	8	9
Preston do.,	903	19	9
Preston School, Navan,	3,514	11	4
Preston, Queen's County, Endowment,	3,425	19	7
Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan School Fund,	356	12	7
Limerick do. do.,	63	1	4
Meath and Ardagh do. do.,	835	8	3
Tuam do. do.,	853	2	9
	28,435	11	5
Other Government Security:—			
Raphoe Endowment,	1,892	0	0
Preston School, Navan,	498	16	2
Railway Debenture Stock, &c.:—			
Leamy Endowment (4 per cent. Rent Charge),	1,106	0	0
do. (4 per cent. Debentures),	3,169	0	0
Leamy Protestant Board (4 per cent. Debentures),	139	0	0
do. (4¼ per cent. Debentures),	1,300	0	0
	5,714	0	0
Leamy Endowment,	1,250	0	0
Viscount Limerick Endowment,	22	0	0
Tyrone Roman Catholic Board of Education,	133	0	0
Dungannon Endowment,	8	0	0
Raphoe Endowment,	132	0	0
Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education,	199	0	0
	1,744	0	0
Leamy Endowment (4 per cent. Debentures),	741	0	0
Raphoe Royal School Endowment (4¼ per cent. Debentures),	200	0	0
	941	0	0
Raphoe Endowment,	1,500	0	0
Raphoe Endowment,	1,000	0	0
Raphoe Endowment,	207	0	0
Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education,	132	0	0
Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan Fund,	17	0	0
Meath and Ardagh do.,	18	0	0
Tuam, Killala and Achonry do.,	40	0	0
Carysfort Endowment,	36	0	0
	450	0	0
Viscount Limerick Endowment,	372	0	0

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APPENDIX B.—

No. III.—RECEIPTS AND

1 (a.)—ULSTER ROYAL

Dr. CHARGE.

Name of Endowment.	Credit Balances, Dec. 31, 1896.	RECEIPTS. Rents.	Dividends.	Other Payments.	Total Receipts.	Debit Balances, Dec. 31, 1897.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armagh Royal School,	136 3 6	1,543 4 7	—	88 2 0	1,560 7 1	—	1,716 10 7
Cavan Royal School,	250 0 0	558 1 11	96 6 0	—	654 7 11	—	904 17 7
Raphoe Royal School,	83 5 0	68 0 0	171 17 0	1 0 6	240 17 6	—	324 0 0
Enniskillen Royal School,	879 13 3	1,832 0 10	100 10 0	6 15 11	1,938 12 9	—	2,873 0 0
Dungannon Royal School,		1,814 15 0	—	—	1,814 15 0	—	1,814 15 0
Total,	1,349 11 9	5,815 2 4	428 10 0	44 18 11	6,269 0 3	—	7,638 11 11

1 (b.)—THE ULSTER LOCAL

Dr. CHARGE.

Name of Local Board.	Credit Balances, Dec. 31, 1896.	RECEIPTS. Distributive Share of Endowment.	Dividends, &c., on Building Funds, &c.	Other Receipts.	Total Receipts.	Debit Balances, Dec. 31, 1897.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armagh Protestant,	—	300 0 0	—	—	300 0 0	183 3 1	483 3 1
Armagh Roman Catholic,	—	300 0 0	—	—	300 0 0	—	300 0 0
Cavan Protestant,	—	195 10 0	—	—	195 10 0	—	195 10 0
Cavan Roman Catholic,	34 13 0	195 10 0	69 0 4	—	264 10 4	—	299 0 0
Donegal Protestant,	—	100 0 0	—	15 0 4	115 0 4	28 7 8	143 10 0
Donegal Roman Catholic,	—	100 0 0	—	—	100 0 0	—	100 0 0
Fermanagh Protestant,	—	469 10 0	—	4 10 0	474 0 0	53 10 0	527 4 0
Fermanagh Roman Catholic,	67 10 11	469 10 0	126 7 10	—	595 17 10	—	663 0 0
Tyrone Protestant,	—	361 10 0	—	—	361 10 0	7 13 0	359 0 0
Tyrone Roman Catholic,	41 0 0	361 10 0	73 10 11	5 12 0	420 0 7	—	470 3 0
Total,	143 4 0	2,553 0 0	269 14 1	25 11 0	2,848 0 0	612 0 0	3,601 12 0

1 (c.)—THE ULSTER LOCAL CAPITAL

Dr. CHARGE.

Name of Board.	Credit Balance, 1896.	Receipts from Local Boards.	Debit Balances, 1897.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Fermanagh Protestant,	—	300 0 0	2,000 0 0	2,300 0 0
Fermanagh Roman Catholic,	2,300 0 0	—	—	2,300 0 0
Tyrone Protestant,	—	201 19 0	—	201 19 2
Tyrone Roman Catholic,	201 19 0	—	—	201 19 0

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ACCOUNTS.

EXPENDITURE, 1897.

SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS.

DISCHARGE. Cr.

Debit Balances, Dec. 31, 1896.	EXPENDITURE. On Estate, Endowment, &c. Rents, Taxes, &c.	Agency Charges, and other Payments.	Tenantry Schools, Prizes, &c.	Retired Masters' Annuities.	Total on Estate.	Amount Distributed between Local Boards.	Total Expenditure.	Credit Balances, Dec. 31, 1897.	TOTAL.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
—	194 7 7	108 8 4	48 0 0	478 10 0	830 12 7	720 0 0	1,550 12 7	165 18 0	1,716 10 7
—	50 7 4	48 0 0	—	64 4 0	163 2 4	391 0 0	654 2 6	250 13 1	904 17 7
—	27 6 1	10 15 9	—	—	40 1 10	200 0 0	246 1 10	78 0 11	324 2 9
—	141 10 0	485 12 11	—	601 5 4	1,228 17 3	900 0 0	2,127 17 3	710 0 0	2,878 0 0
57 15 0	101 13 3	263 0 0	25 0 0	331 4 1	611 6 4	703 0 0	1,572 1 4	242 13 8	1,814 14 0
57 15 0	605 7 3	925 16 2	73 0 0	1,475 3 5	3,030 0 5	2,953 0 0	6,033 0 2	1,547 16 5	7,635 11 11

BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

DISCHARGE. Cr.

Debit Balances, December 31, 1896.	CREDITS. Rent, &c., due by Local Boards.	Income of Building Funds paid.	Net Amount of Share of Endowment.	Total Credits.	Credit Balances, December 31, 1897.	Total.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
138 0 0	261 13 4	—	83 1 6	344 10 11	—	483 3 1
—	—	—	360 0 0	360 0 0	—	360 0 0
—	—	—	196 10 0	196 10 0	—	196 10 0
—	—	69 0 4	196 13 0	264 13 4	34 13 2	299 0 0
91 17 4	70 0 0	—	51 13 10	121 12 10	—	143 10 0
—	—	—	100 0 0	100 0 0	—	100 0 0
44 0 4	87 14 0	—	305 0 0	432 10 4	—	537 4 0
—	4 10 0	132 4 10	429 10 0	566 11 0	56 17 0	623 0 0
4 0 10	0 12 0	—	351 10 0	365 2 0	—	369 0 0
—	—	61 13 3	351 10 0	433 3 3	37 0 0	470 0 3
208 10 0	427 16 3	253 4 0	2,553 0 2	3,264 5 10	128 10 5	3,601 12 0

BOARDS OF EDUCATION.
ACCOUNTS.

DISCHARGE. Cr.

Debit Balances, 1896	Payments to Local Boards.	Invested on Account of Local Boards.	Credit Balances, 1897.	Total.	Name of Board.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
2,300 0 0	—	—	—	2,300 0 0	Fermanagh Protestant
—	—	300 0 0	2,000 0 0	2,300 0 0	Fermanagh Roman Catholic.
201 10 2	—	—	—	201 10 2	Tyrone Protestant.
—	—	201 10 2	—	201 10 2	Tyrone Roman Catholic.

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APPENDIX B.—

No. III.—RECEIPTS AND

2.—OTHER ROYAL SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE ENDOWMENTS.

DR. CHARGE.

NAME OF ENDOWMENT.	Credit Balances, December, 1896.	RECEIPTS. Rents.	Dividends.	Other Receipts.	Total Receipts.	Debit Balances, December 31, 1897.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Banagher Royal School,	—	183 10 3	—	—	183 10 3	200 13 11	384 9 6
*Carysfort Royal School,	43 3 1	133 13 6	36 12 9	—	170 4 1		213 6 9
Athlone Private School,	4 10 4	—	4 10 4	—	4 10 4	—	9 0 9
†Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt,	†134 6 9	9 18 9	19 2 4	—	16 6 10	—	173 7 6
Lenny Endowment, Limerick,	78 4 6	—	242 6 6	—	242 6 6	—	320 10 0
§Preston School, Navan,	242 18 10	—	107 18 0	§199 15 9	307 19 9	—	550 7 0
§Preston, Queen's County, Endowments,	137 16 11	—	91 1 6	§142 13 6	233 14 5	—	371 6 4
Viscount Limerick Endowment, Dundalk,	—	—	—	608 15 7	608 14 7	18 6 6	627 4 10
Meath and Ardagh Diocesan School Fund,	17 6 11	—	22 1 10	—	22 1 10	—	40 9 9
Leighlin and Ossory do.,	7 19 6	—	18 6 10	—	10 9 10	—	18 6 0
Limerick do.,	74 8 7	20 9 0	1 12 4	—	21 13 4	—	97 1 11
Tuam, &c., do.,	18 13 6	—	24 12 2	—	24 12 2	—	43 16 10
Totals,	730 9 2	344 1 2	554 4 6	951 4 9	1,849 10 4	219 3 6	2,848 17 9

* From September 30, 1896, to September 30, 1897.

† Includes £117 9s. accumulations prior to date of Scheme 192.

§ The sums of £199 15s. 2d. and £142 13s. 9d. are, respectively, seven-twelfths and five-twelfths of the net income of the Preston Endowment. The gross income of this Endowment was £756 12s. 11d.; outgoings, including £130 15s., payable to the King's Hospital, Oxmantown, were £414 8s., leaving £342 8s. 11d. for distribution as above.

No. IV.—SUMMARY RENTAL FOR YEAR TO SEPTEMBER–NOVEMBER, 1896.

NAME OF ESTATE.	Arrears, 1895.	Year's Rent, 1896.	Total Rent and Arrears.	Receipts.	Abatement.	Arrears Due.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armagh,	232 4 6	1,234 12 11	1,466 17 11	1,363 6 1	—	223 6 10
Cavan,	102 11 7	458 17 4	561 8 6	445 1 1	7 10 11	116 7 11
Fermanagh,	954 4 10½	1,978 19 11	2,933 4 4½	1,980 16 10	103 6 7	820 16 6½
Tyrone,	2,206 10 5½	1,892 10 4½	4,109 1 10	1,780 11 7	68 1 4	2,328 3 6
Carysfort,	29 0 2	132 13 5	161 19 7	133 16 5	—	28 9 2
Preston,	436 9 8½	737 2 0	1,174 11 8½	703 19 11½	2 6 7	471 13 6
Banagher,	—	163 2 7	163 6 7	163 1 4	—	6 1 3
Totals,	4,043 1 5½	6,557 17 7½	10,601 0 4	6,470 8 3½	186 7 6	4,088 13 11½

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ACCOUNTS.

EXPENDITURE—(*continued.*)

AND THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL FUNDS.

DISCHARGE. Cr.

Debit Balances, December 31, 1896.	EXPENDITURE. On Estate, &c. Rents, &c.	On Estate, &c. Other Expenditure.	Educational. Salaries.	Educational. Paid Local Committees.	Total on Estate, &c.	Total Educational	Total Expenditure.	Credit Balances, December, 1897	Total.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
258 6 9	13 14 5	112 5 6	—	—	125 17 5	—	125 17 5	—	384 6 5
—	19 7 10	39 0 11	—	113 18 1	62 5 9	116 19 1	171 0 10	42 1 4	213 6 5
—	—	—	—	6 15 0	—	6 15 6	6 15 6	6 0 0	6 6 0
—	6 17 9	—	—	—	6 17 0	—	6 17 0	164 0 6	173 7 6
—	45 0 0	1 11 5	144 15 6	155 17 11	41 11 5	301 15 7	343 6 1	77 1 11	320 15 0
—	—	—	111 10 16	276 5 0	—	387 12 16	387 15 10	162 14 8	550 7 0
—	—	—	—	203 12 5	—	203 15 5	203 15 5	167 13 11	371 0 4
—	—	1 607 4 15	—	—	607 4 10	—	607 4 15	—	607 4 15
—	—	0 0 0	—	—	0 0 0	—	0 0 5	40 2 5	40 5 5
—	—	0 5 6	—	—	5 2 5	—	0 2 5	16 0 4	15 5 0
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	97 1 11	97 1 11
—	—	5 6 10	—	—	5 5 15	—	5 5 15	15 4 0	43 10 10
258 5 0	75 0 4	780 15 5	156 9 5	762 5 11	836 15 5	918 15 5	1,775 11 2	814 27 0	2,848 17 8

‡ Provision for pensioned teachers of Lenny's Free School.
† Includes £600 purchase money of Dundalk School premises, invested in Railway Debenture Stock.

No. V.—SUMMARY OF AGENTS ACCOUNTS, SEPTEMBER–NOVEMBER, 1896.

Name of Estate.	Dr. Balances, 1895.	RECEIPTS. Rents.	RECEIPTS. Other Receipts.	Total.	PAYMENTS. Agency.	PAYMENTS. Rents, Taxes, Drainage Charges, &c	PAYMENTS. Miscellaneous.	PAYMENTS. Ledged to credit of Commissioners	Dr. Balances, 1896.	Total.
	£ s. d	£ s. d	£ s. d.	£ s. d	£ s. d	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d
Armagh, . .	39 7 9	1,274 6 10	3 14 0	1,307 10 1	34 16 5	109 5 1½	5 0 6	1,074 0 5	35 0 7½	1,307 16 1
Cavan, . . .	51 18 0	443 1 1	—	496 19 1	51 5 1	51 6 11	10 4 1	260 0 5	144 4 0	496 15 1
Fermanagh, . .	107 11 0	1,980 10 10	5 15 11	2,104 6 5	110 9 5	276 9 10½	243 10 7½	1,400 0 0	113 19 5	2,136 5 5
Tyrone, . .	131 14 1½	1,710 11 7	—	1,912 5 8½	115 15 5	215 7 10½	101 6 1	1,350 0 0	128 5 5	1,915 5 8½
Caryafort, . .	—	133 12 5	—	133 12 5	10 16 7	13 9 6	28 7 4	31 0 0	—	133 15 5
Preston, . .	40 2 2	741 15 0½	0 10 0	784 14 0½	47 2 6	110 15 0½	55 3 1	420 0 0	151 3 6	784 14 0½
Banagher, . .	—	177 15 15	—	177 10 10	13 17 11	16 7 2½	97 12 10	—	40 15 10½	177 10 10
Totals, .	422 12 10½	6,523 5 10½	21 6 5	6,967 4 11	515 13 0	793 14 5½	545 15 11½	4,535 16 2	216 5 5	6,967 4 11

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APPENDIX B.—ACCOUNTS.

No. VI.—REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

No. 7,419 : 1898.

Educational Endowments.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

28th March, 1898.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to report for the information of the Board that I have audited, and certified as correct, the accounts of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland for the year 1897, under the provisions of the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885, and I enclose herewith a copy of the accounts mentioned.

I can only repeat what I stated in my report of last year, namely, that in my opinion, the funds of the Endowments have been accurately apportioned to the various bodies interested therein.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed), J. F. MAYNE, *Auditor.*

To the Local Government Board,

Custom House, Dublin.

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APPENDIX C.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

With respect to the INSPECTION, for the Year 1896–7, of SCHOOLS claiming to share in the ULSTER ROYAL SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS.

Between September 15 and September 25, 1897, I duly carried out my annual inspection of the above-mentioned schools which, as in previous years, are ten in number.

The period covered by the inspection was the school year ended August 1, 1897.

The buildings and premises vested in the Commissioners, or in the Local Boards, are, on the whole, in good order and condition, and, in most cases, were the subject of considerable improvements during the year.

Armagh Royal School requires to have some attention given to the state of the roof which lets in the damp in places. The water and sewerage connections, and the trapping and plumbing work generally, demand a thorough overhauling and remodelling by a competent sanitary engineer. **Armagh.**

With regard to Cavan Royal School, the outside sanitary arrangements and conveniences should be completely removed, and a modern water-closet system erected, and connected with the town sewerage system. In this connection, I think it would be better that the well, from which the present domestic water supply is obtained, should be closed in and that the domestic and drinking water should be taken exclusively from the town supply which, I understand, is of good character. **Cavan.**

The buildings of Raphoe Royal School are in good order and condition. The sanitary arrangements and drainage system are sufficient, but the water supply of the dormitory water-closet is defective, being dependent altogether on rain-water caught from the roof. The cistern from which the flushing tank is supplied should, in my opinion, be kept filled from the town supply. The water would require to be pumped up, and there is a force pump in the yard available for the purpose. **Raphoe.**

The extensive improvements which have been made in Portora Royal School are well maintained; a new and efficient water supply has been provided. The premises are in good order and condition, but I think the ventilation of the class-rooms might be improved, and connected with the open air, as it leads, at present, directly into the Study Hall. **Enniskillen.**

Everything is in good order and condition at Dungannon Royal School, with the exception of part of the older drainage system which has been found to be defective, but which is being set right. The ventilation of one of the class-rooms, to which I called attention in previous years, is being looked after. **Dungannon.**

None of the schools under the management of the Roman Catholic Boards are vested either in the Commissioners or in the Local Boards. They are, on the whole, well maintained, but there are a number of matters to which I have called the attention of the Local Boards concerned, which would require to be considered by them and dealt with.

St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, is the only purely Day School under the management of a Roman Catholic Local Board. As the success of that school may now be considered assured, I think that a competent Architect should be invited to design suitable plans for a "mixed" school, in which the Male department and the Female department should be carried on separately, and that the building fund of the Tyrone Roman Catholic Board should be at once expended in the erection of new school buildings, sufficient and suitable, not only for an increasing Day School, but also, in part at all events, for the requirements of a Boarding School for Boys.

With regard to the equipment of the schools generally, I have to repeat my remarks of last year, as to want of provision for the teaching of Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, and Industrial or Commercial subjects.

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Educational Results.—The following table shows the position of the schools with regard to the Intermediate Examinations of 1897:—

Name of School.	Number of Pupils on Roll.	Number of Pupils in Average Attendance.	Number who competed at Intermediate Examinations.	Number who passed Intermediate Examinations.	*Percentage of Competitors to Average Attendance.*	*Percentage of Passes to Average Attendance.*	Number who passed in Qualifying Subjects.
Royal School, Armagh,	37	30	7	7	*23*	*23*	5
St. Patrick's College, Armagh,	57	57	27	16	*47*	*28*	12
Royal School, Cavan,	29	27	12	8	*44*	*29*	7
St. Patrick's College, Cavan,	67	66	25	20	*38*	*30*	13
Royal School, Raphoe,	70	62	23	14	*37*	*22*	8
St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny,	52	52	29	18	*56*	*34*	12
Royal School, Enniskillen,	121	117	73	32	*62*	*27*	23
St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan,	52	52	35	29	*67*	*56*	19
Royal School, Dungannon,	76	68	44	27	*65*	*39*	15
St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon,	38	36	33	21	*91*	*58*	9
Totals,	599	567	308	193	*54*	*34*	124
Totals—1896,	588	551	291	167	*53*	*30*	114

A comparison of the above figures with the results of previous years shows that the attendance of the pupils is rising steadily, that the percentage of those who competed at the Intermediate Examinations has increased by 8 per cent. since 1895, and that the educational results, as tested by those examinations, are better by 4 per cent. than the results of last year, and of 1895, which was the first year during which the schools were carried on under the permanent arrangements contemplated by the schemes. The improvement which I noted last year is still continuing, but I may remark that, although the proportion of the pupils who are presented for the Intermediate Examinations is well on the increase, there would appear to be at least three cases where the number of competitors was not at all as large as it should have been.

The temptation to select promising pupils for these examinations, with a view to securing a large proportion of passes, is no doubt great, but, in my opinion, all the pupils who are of intermediate age, and who have been regularly instructed, would receive an undoubted benefit by being submitted to these examinations, and on the other hand, the parents and guardians of the pupils, and the Local Boards, are entitled to have the progress of the pupils tested by an independent and impartial State test. It is true that, in several cases, the proportion of those who are presented for the Intermediate Examinations is kept down by the presence, in the schools affected, of over-age pupils, but although these pupils are, to a large extent, ineligible for competition in any of the grades, their presence in the school does not hinder the Intermediate pupils from receiving regular and adequate Intermediate instruction.

One curious fact I elicited, namely, that the English education of those pupils who come from the higher classes of the National Schools, while undoubtedly of a scientific and technical character, has, to a large extent, to be *untaught*, before the pupils can make satisfactory progress in their Intermediate English course. On this point the evidence from nine out of the ten schools is unanimous and emphatic. While the "by heart" learning of Grammar is good enough, the analysis of a simple English sentence, and the writing of an easy piece of English composition, seem to be too much for the pupils. Whether this is the result of the National Board system of English, or of the method and efficiency of the instruction therein, it is not for me to say, but it is perfectly clear that, so far as this evidence goes, there would appear to be a great want of continuity and uniformity between the Elementary and Intermediate English education of the country.

Except in the case of Armagh Royal School, I consider that all the schools have carried out the educational purposes for which they were established and recognized, and that they have duly fulfilled the provisions of the Scheme.

The teaching staff, on the whole, appears to be adequate and efficient, and I observe that, in some cases, the number of the staff has been considerably increased, with great advantage. This is notably the case at Raphoe, and I would draw the attention of the Managers of the other mixed school to the advantage of spending their yearly income in the payment of more teachers, if an increase in their staff should appear in the least degree necessary, and in my opinion it does so appear, rather than accumulating their income, and letting it lie idle.

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Free Places.—These were duly offered for competition by all the Local Boards, and they appear, on the whole, to be getting more known and appreciated. At Armagh Royal School, however, and at Cavan and Raphoe Royal Schools, the competition is still very slack. I beg to repeat my remarks of last year as to the policy of increasing the value of the Free Places, and I am strengthened in doing so by the remarkable success which yearly attends the competition for Free Places at St. Macarten's Seminary, where the first two prizes consistoafull Fre Place as a boarder, and a nearly full Free Place.

Armagh Royal School.—I am sorry to report the decline of this historic old school. Out of thirty pupils, only seven were fully qualified by age and due preparation to compete at the Intermediate Examinations. They all passed, but only five passed in the subjects prescribed by the scheme. A great part of the remainder of the pupils were either very young, some of them almost infants, or very backward pupils, and the teaching of these seems to have been confined to the rudiments of Intermediate education. At the same time, I have no reason whatever to believe that the teaching staff were otherwise than efficient, or that, so far as the education went, it was not regularly imparted. I am sure it is a matter of great regret to the Armagh Protestant Board that the school is not succeeding. But it is to be borne in mind that Mr Gordon, who has lately resigned his Head Mastership, had, I understand, determined early in the present year to give up the school, and no doubt the circumstance that he was about to resign may have, to a large extent, disorganized the school. Of course, in making this statement, I do not impute to Mr. Gordon any conscious neglect of his duties. The school has now re-opened under the Head Mastership of Mr. Alaster C. MacDonnell, a distinguished graduate of Trinity College, who has also a good record as a teacher, and there is strong hope that, under him, Armagh Royal School will recover, and will take its proper place in the educational world

Under the circumstances which I have detailed, I am enabled to certify, and I beg hereby to certify and report, that, during the school year ended August 1, 1897, all the schools maintained by the Local Boards, except Armagh Royal School, fulfilled the necessary conditions prescribed by the scheme to render them qualified to share in the Endowments of their several districts; and, with regard to Armagh Royal School, I consider there is a likelihood that it will fulfil those conditions during the current year, and I beg to submit that, under the power conferred on them by the scheme, the Commissioners might dispense, with respect to the year lately elapsed, with the fulfilment by the school of those conditions, as to the non-fulfilment of which I have drawn attention.

N. D. MURPHY,

Secretary and Inspector.

October 1, 1897.

APPENDIX D.

REPORTS OF THE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

I. Armagh Protestant Board of Education.

The Armagh Protestant Board of Education beg to submit the following as their Report for the year ending August 1st, 1897.

The members of the Board during the year have been—

Representing the Armagh Diocesan Synod—

3. His Grace the Lord Primate.
7. The Very Rev. the Dean of Armagh.
4. The Venerable the Archdeacon of Armagh.
3. Acheson St. George, Esq.
8. James H. Stronge, Esq.

Representing the General Assembly—

2. The Rev. John Elliott.
2. The Rev. David Miller.
2. William M'Crum, Esq.

Representing the Methodist Conference—

5. Joshua E. Peel, Esq.

The numbers prefixed to the names of the members show the numbers of their attendances at meetings of the Board.

Meetings were held on September 15th, December 15th, March 4th, April 13th, May 18th, June 14th, June 21st, and July 7th.

On December 15th Mr. Stronge was re-elected our Representative on the Board of the Commissioners of Education.

On March 4th, the Lord Primate was re-elected our Chairman. The Rev. John Elliott was re-elected our Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Stronge our Hon. Secretary. Messrs. St. George, M'Crum, and Stronge were re-elected our Representatives on the Joint Estates Committee.

The Armagh Royal School has been efficiently maintained during the year 1896–7.

The following was the teaching staff:—Thomas Gordon, M.A., T.C.D., Head Master; T. E. Lownds, M.A., Cambridge; H. B. Dawes, H. M'Nicol.

Instruction has been given in the following subjects:—Greek, Latin, German, English, Ancient and Modern History, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Book-keeping, Drawing, and Shorthand. Classes for religious instruction have also been held regularly.

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A list of twenty boys who (among others) have received instruction in the subjects prescribed by the scheme, and have made 100 attendances during the year, was forwarded as usual to the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector.

Seven boys entered for the Intermediate Examination. The following passed:—

F. V. Gordon.	W. Bell.
W. G. Murphy.	J. H. Monroe.
F. V. Dreyer.	C. Bell.
R. Waller.	

The small number of entrances for the Intermediate Examination was due principally to the fact that a very large proportion of the boys attending the school were still too young to enter.

The number of Boarders during the summer term was 12 and the number of Day pupils 19.

We have again to report that no candidates entered for the Free Place Examinations, though we adopted the suggestion of the Commissioners and fixed a date in June for this examination.

With the generous assistance of Mr. J. B. Lonsdale the Board were again able to offer a House Scholarship of 20 guineas and one of 10 guineas at the Entrance Examination in January.

The examination resulted in one Scholarship of 20 guineas being awarded to J. H. Monroe.

An account has been opened in the Post Office Savings Bank with a view to the formation of a House Scholarship Fund.

By a letter dated April 1st the Head Master, Mr. Gordon, gave to the Board six months' notice of his desire to retire from his office on October 1st. The Board consequently passed a resolution expressing their regret and their appreciation of his services, and made arrangements at the same time for the publication of advertisements for his successor.

On June 14th Mr. A. C. M'Donnell, B.A., T.C.D., was unanimously selected to succeed Mr. Gordon, from a large number of well qualified applicants for the office.

Mr. M'Donnell met the Board on June 21st and agreed to accept the office on the terms under which it was held by Mr. Gordon, with the following additional provision:—"That a Head Master's resignation should take effect either in the month of August or in the month of December." It was further arranged on the suggestion of Mr. M'Donnell that three vacations in the year should be recognised instead of two, but that the time given to vacation should continue as hitherto to be about twelve weeks in the year.

During the year covered by this Report about £82 has been expended on repairs to the Royal School premises, and about £84 in paying Local Rates and Taxes. The other expenditure falls chiefly under the following heads:—Fire Insurance, House Scholarships; and Petty Cash to Hon. Secretary for postage and advertising.

The amount received from the Commissioners of Education as the Board's share of the Endowment, after deducting Rent and other sums due to the Commissioners, was £83 1s. 8d.

About £20 has been received by the Board during the year as donations for the purpose of providing House Scholarships. And we understand that some small additions have been made to the Fund in the hands of the Treasurer of the "Old Pupils Committee"—a fund which will soon be handed over to the Board.

We are decidedly of opinion that the resources at our command are inadequate to the permanent maintenance of a first-class public School as distinguished from a School which is the private speculation of its Head Master. We fear that this state of things is about to be aggravated by rent reductions on the Royal School estate, and we have invited the co-operation of the other Local Boards and of the Commissioners of Education in taking steps to prevent this and similar injuries to the usefulness of the Schools sharing in the Royal School Endowments.

A copy of the Abstract of the Accounts last audited by the Local Government Board is appended.

AUG. FITZGERALD, D.D.

ACCOUNT of the ARMAGH PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ending December 31st, 1896.

Dr.

CHARGE.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account,	25 15 3
" Amount of Donations, &c.,	10 18 5
" Amount of Dividends,	11 12 6
" *Amount received from Commissioners of Education,	83 1 8
" Interest on Current Account in Bank of Ireland,	5 7 2
Total,	£143 7 1

*The above sum is paid by the Commissioners as the Board's share in the Endowments after deductions on account of rent, &c.

Cr.

DISCHARGE.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Maintenance of Premises,		—	48 1 7
" Rent, Taxes, &c.,		—	71 13 4
" Salary,		—	1 1 0
" Prizes,		—	10 10 0
" Advertisements and Postage,		—	2 16 5
Total Payment,		—	134 7 8
Balance per Bank Book,	£7 18 8		
Do. in Officer's hands,	1 0 3		
		8 19 5	
Deduct unpaid Drafts, &c.,		—	8 19 5
Total,			£143 7 1

N.B.—Besides the above balance there are sums standing to the credit of this Account in the following securities:—Belfast and Northern Counties Railway 4 per cent. Preference Stock, £300.

We certify that the above is a true account.

[Seal.] AUG. FITZGERALD, D.D., *Governor.*

JAMES H. STRONGE, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated March 4th, 1897.

I certify that the foregoing account is correct.

J. F. MAYNE, *Auditor.*

17th day of March, 1897.

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II. Armagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.

The Armagh Catholic Board of Education beg to submit the following as their report for the year ending August 1st, 1897

Four meetings of the Board were held in St. Patrick's College, Armagh, during the year.

The following tabulated form gives the names of the present members of the Board, with the attendances of each member at meetings during the above period :—

—	Sept. 29, 1896.	Dec. 18, 1896.	Mar. 31, 1897	July 13, 1897	Total.
His Eminence Cardinal Logue,	1	1	1	-	3
Very Rev. Canon Coyne,	1	-	-	1	2
Very Rev. Canon M'Gooney,	1	-	-	1	2
Rev. Hugh M'Oscar,	1	1	1	-	3
Rev. James O Hare,	-	-	-	-	-
F. J. O'Hanlon, Esq., J.P.,	1	-	1	1	3
William Gallagher, Esq.,	1	-	-	1	2
E. Magennis, Esq., J.P.,	-	-	1	-	1
Patrick Lavery, Esq.,	1	1	1	1	4

Rev. James O'Hare was co-opted a member of the Board on the 18th December, 1896, and E. Magennis, esq., J.P., was co-opted a member at a meeting held on 31st March, 1897.

His Eminence the Cardinal Primate, Messrs. F. J. O'Hanlon, and Patrick Lavery were unanimously elected as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Honorary Secretary, respectively for the year 1897.

Very Rev. Canon Coyne was elected as our representative on the Board of the Commissioners of Education.

The Hibernian Bank, Armagh, continues to fill the position of Treasurer to the Board

Very Rev. Canon Coyne, Messrs. Wm. Gallagher and F. J. O'Hanlon were the Catholic members of the Estates Committee.

St. Patrick's College, Armagh, is the only School adopted by the Board.

The School Committee, appointed in accordance with section 47 of the Scheme, consists of His Eminence the Cardinal Primate, Very Rev. Michael Carrigy, C.M., President St. Patrick's College, Rev. Thomas Lawless, C.M., and Rev. T. Gavin, C.M., Professors in St. Patrick's College.

An Examination for Free Places was held on 25th August, 1896, in conformity with section 59 of the Scheme, and Free Places were awarded to Joseph M'Kinley and Patrick Connolly.

Very Rev. M. Carrigy, C.M., Rev. Thomas Lawless, Rev. Thomas Gavin, Messrs. Thomas Savage and Nicholas Hession, constitute the teaching staff.

The subjects of instruction given in the School are :—Latin, Greek, English, French, Algebra, Arithmetic, Euclid, Ancient and Modern History, Geography, Elementary Natural Philosophy, Shorthand, Book-keeping, and Music.

The subjects of instruction for each class are determined by the Programme of the Intermediate Board for each year.

In the year ended 1st August, 1897, there were 58 pupils in the School, of whom 12 were Senior Grade 11 Middle Grade, 30 Junior Grade, and 5 Preparatory Grade pupils.

List of 20 boys who (with others) have received instruction in the prescribed subjects, and have made over 100 attendances during the last 12 months, with the dates of their births.

No.	Name.	Date of Birth.	No.	Name.	Date of Birth.
1	William Butterly,	22nd November, 1880.	11	P. Murphy,	8th October, 1881.
2	Patrick Connolly,	9th October, 1880.	12	O. M'Evoy,	8th September, 1879.
3	John H. Conway,	25th March, 1880.	13	Michael M'Guone,	15th December, 1879.
4	James Devlin,	26th October, 1882.	14	Joseph M'Quillan,	25th February, 1882.
5	Michael J. Donnellan,	5th May, 1884.	15	F. J. O'Neill,	1st July, 1880.
6	James Donnelly,	30th July, 1881.	16	James O'Neill,	7th November, 1880.
7	John Hamill,	11th November, 1883.	17	James Rogers,	22nd November, 1881.
8	John Harmon,	3rd July, 1880.	18	T. J. Sheridan,	17th December, 1879.
9	A. P. Hughes,	4th March 1883.	19	J. Willis,	29th July, 1883.
10	F. A. Hughes,	10th February, 1882.	20	T. Woods,	3rd July, 1879.

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The following passed the Intermediate Examination; their official examination numbers are prefixed to their names:—

Senior Grade,	6,857	O. M'Evoy.
"	6,923	T. J. Sheridan.
Middle Grade,	5,956	W. Butterly.
"	10,427	J. H. Conway.
"	6,401	F. J. O'Neill.
"	10,553	T. Woods.
Junior Grade,	3,468	Jas. Donnelly—Exhib.
"	10,146	John Harmon.
Junior Grade,	4,093	A. P. Hughes—£1 Prize.
"	4,890	P. Murphy—£3 Prize.
"	4,640	Joseph M'Quillan.
"	10,286	James O'Neill.
Preparatory Grade,	383	Patrick Connolly.
"	578	M. J. Donnellan.
"	991	John Hamill.
"	2,576	J. Willis—Exhib.

All the accounts of the Board up to 31st December, 1896, have been submitted to the Local Government Board, and duly audited by J. F. Mayne, Esq., Local Government Board Auditor. A correct copy of the last audited account accompanies this report.

Dated this 6th day of October, 1897, and sealed with the Common Seal of the Board.

✠ MICHAEL CARD. LOGUE,
Chairman.

PATRICK LAVERY,
Honorary Secretary.

The ACCOUNT of ARMAGH ROMAN CATHOLIC LOCAL BOARD of EDUCATION for the Year ended 31st December, 1896.

Dr. — *Cr.*

CHARGE.		£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.			£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account,		672 1 8	By Amount of Payments made in the year ended 31st December, 1896, under the following headings:—			
" Amount received from Commissioners of Education, January, 1896,	£72 6 6		Salaries,		£320 0 0	
" Amount received from same, 17th July, 1896,	300 6 6		Educational Expenses, viz.:—School Fees for boys qualifying Free Places,		39 0 0	
" Amount of Interest which accrued on Deposit Receipts in Hibernian Bank and added to same,	0 12 11		Prizes,		42 6 0	401 0 0
" Like added to current account,	3 6 6		Other Payments, viz.:—			
" Amount of Interest accrued on Deposit Receipts in Hibernian Bank to 31st December, 1896, as per calculation,	3 6 6		1896—Jan. 13—By Cheque to Hon. Secty. for Petty Cash,		6 10 6	
" Amount in Accounting Officer's hands as shown on other side,	36 6 1½	424 9 8½	" July 25— " Cheque to J. F. Mayne, Esq., for auditing accounts for 1896,		1 1 0	
			" " " Cheque to J. Murphy, Esq., for setting questions and examining papers in connection with examination for Free Places,		2 2 0	
			" Sept. 29— " Cheque to Hon. Secty. for Petty Cash,		6 0 6	10 10 0
			Total Payment,		£	411 13 0
			Balance, per Bank Book	£0 13 8		
			" in Accounting Officer's hands on last year's account,	4 18 3		
			Like on this year's account,	1 16 1½		
			Balance in Accounting Officer's hands to pay Mr. Savage's salary for 6 months,	37 10 0		
					45 0 10½	
			Amount on Deposit Receipt in Hibernian Bank, Armagh,		630 10 4	
			Interest accrued on said Deposits to 31st December, 1896,		8 6 6	
			Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1896,			634 17 8½
Total,		£1,096 10 8½	Total,		£	1,096 10 8½

We certify that the above is a true account.

[Seal.]

F. J. O'HANLON, *Chairman.*

PATRICK LAVERY, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 13th day of July, 1897.

I certify that the foregoing account is correct.

J. F. MAYNE, *Auditor.*

12th day of August, 1897.

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III. Cavan Protestant Local Board of Education.

The Cavan Protestant Local Board of Education held five meetings during the year ending 1st August, 1897. The members of the Board remain the same as the previous year, with the exception of the Rev. James Black, elected in the room of the Rev. J. Gass, deceased.

At their meeting in February the following officers were elected, viz. :—The Lord Bishop of Kilmore, Chairman ; James Hartley, Esq., Vice-Chairman ; Rev. W. C. M'Causland, Hon Secretary. The Estates Committee consisting of Messrs. S. Sanderson, James Hartley, and R. Allen, were also elected.

Meetings of the Board were held on the following dates :—

1st. *September 30th*, 1896.—Present :—The Bishop, Messrs. J. Hartley, R. Walker, Revs. W. M'Dowell, W. C. M'Causland, Hon Secretary.

The meeting was held at the School, and the Board were very much pleased at the order, regularity, and great cleanliness of the premises.

2nd. *November 2nd*, 1896.—A special meeting to consider the sale of the Estate. Present :—The Bishop, Messrs. Hartley and Allen, Revs. W. M'Dowell and W. C. M'Causland, Hon. Secretary.

3rd. *February 3rd*, 1897.—Present :—J. Hartley, Esq., Revs. W. M'Dowell, James Black, and W. C. M'Causland, Hon Secretary. The various bodies qualified to elect members of the Board in accordance with the Scheme had complied. The Board elected officers for the year same as for 1896.

4th. *March 6th*. 1897.—Special meeting to consider the sale of the Estate, and removal of some old trees from the School grounds. Present :—The Bishop, Messrs. Hartley, Walker, Revs. W. M'Dowell, James Black, W. C. M'Causland, Hon. Secretary.

5th. *May 12th*, 1897.—Quarterly meeting of the Board. Present :—Messrs. Allen, S. Sanderson, Revs. James Black and W. C. M'Causland, Hon. Secretary.

The efficiency of the School has been maintained by the Head Master and his Assistants, viz. :—James H. Hampton, B.A., Head Master ; F. C. Wood, B.A., First Honourman and Prizeman in Classics and English Literature, Exhibitioner, &c., &c., T.C.D. ; G. M'Allan, R.U.I., Assistants.

The subjects taught include the Intermediate Grade courses in Classics, English, French, Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Book-keeping, and Shorthand The pupils were very successful at the Intermediate Examinations, gaining 17th and 31st Exhibitions in Junior Grade, three special Prizes in English Composition, and one Book Prize.

A tabulated form of these results and also names of pupils fulfilling requirements of the Scheme have been furnished to the Inspector, N. D. Murphy, Esq.

The income of the Board has been applied towards keeping School premises in repair and paying Head Master's salary. The Board regret the income is not adequate to meet these expenditures in such a way as the Board would desire.

A copy of audited Report has also been furnished to the Inspector. The Local Board have, in accordance with the Scheme, given notice in the local papers of Examination for Free Scholarships, but no candidate has ever yet presented himself. In the opinion of the Board, a modification of this rule is very desirable. I may mention that Mr. Sanderson was prevented by very serious illness of some months duration from attending the meetings of the Board.

(Signed), WM. C. M'CAUSLAND,

Hon. Secretary.

January 17, 1898.

The ACCOUNT of CAVAN PROTESTANT BOARD of EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1897.

Dr. *Cr.*

CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.		£ s. d.
Share of Cavan Royal School Endowments from Commissioners,	195 10 0	By Amount of Payments made in the year ended 31st December, 1897, under the following headings :—		
Balance due Bankers,	9 1 3	Maintenance of Premises, &c.,	£15 8 8	
		Rent and Taxes, Insurance, &c.,	23 16 8	
		Salaries,	100 0 0	139 9 3
		Other Payments, viz. :—		
		Auditor's fee,		1 1 3
		Balance due Bankers, 31st Dec., 1896,	62 13 7	
		Interest to Bank,	0 7 3	64 0 10
Total,	£204 11 3	Total,		£204 11 3

We certify that the above is a true Account,

R. WALKER, *Governor.*

[Seal.] WM. C. M'CAUSLAND, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 18th day of February, 1898.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

10th day of February, 1898. H. THOMPSON, *Auditor.*

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IV. Cavan Roman Catholic Local Board of Education.

Meetings.—During the year 1897 four meetings were held—May 4th, July 9th, October 18th, December 22nd.

The Board.—The Board is the same as for the year 1896. The members are:—The Most Rev. Dr. M'Gennis, Lord Bishop of Kilmore, Chairman; the Very Rev. J. O'Connor; the Very Rev C. O'Reilly, the Rev. M. Fitzpatrick, Hon. Secretary; the Rev. John Brady, Thomas Markey, Esq., Vice-Chairman; William Finlay, Esq.; Dr. Smith, Esq.; Philip Cahill, Esq.

Examinations.—The Competitive Examination was held on 2nd July. Two Free Places were offered. The competition was an improvement on previous years, both in number and in the character of the answering. The two Free Places were awarded.

St. Patrick's College.—The number of Students in the College at the end of the school year was 65—40 Boarders and 25 Day Students. Twenty five were presented at the Intermediate Examinations. Of these twenty passed. The distinctions included the two Classical Gold Medals of Junior and Middle Grade; two Exhibitions, and a Latin Competition Prize.

Commissioner.—The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, elected at a meeting, 29th December, 1896.

✠ Edward M'Gennis,
Bishop of Kilmore.

Michael Fitzpatrick, P.P.,
Hon. Secretary.

The Account of the Cavan Roman Catholic Board of Education for the year ended 31st December, 1897.

Dr. *Cr.*

Charge.	£	s.	d.	Discharge.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance as per last Account, for year ending 31st December, 1896,				By Amount of Payments made in the year ended 31st December, 1896, under the following headings:—						
		6	4	Salaries,	220	6	6			
„ Cash from Commissioners as share of Endowment, £195 10 0				Free Education Expenses,	20	0	0			
								240	0	6
Interest on Building Fund, 69 5 4				Other Payments, viz.:—						
				Advertising for Competitive Examination for Free Places,	1	0	4			
„ Interest on Current Account with Ulster Bank, 1 18 9				Audit,	1	1	6			
	266	15	1					2	4	4
				Total payment,	—			242	4	4
				Balance per Bank Book, £30 16 1						
				„ in Accounting Officer's hands, 30 16 1						
				„ in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1897,	—			30	16	1
Total,	£272	19	5	Total,	—			£272	19	5

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.] ✠ Edward M'Gennis, *Governor.*

Samuel M. Munn, *Accounting Officer,*
for Bank Account,
Manager, Ulster Bank, Ltd., Cavan.

Dated this 17th day of May, 1897.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

J. F. Mayne, *Auditor.*

27th day of May, 1897.

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V. Donegal Protestant Board of Education.

REPORT of the DONEGAL PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION for the Year ended August 1, 1897.

Constitution of the Board.—The following are the elected members of the Board:—Rev. Robert M'Morris, D.D.; William H. Boyd, Esq., D.L.; Rev. John Molloy, B.A.; Rev. A. G. Lecky, B.A.; Rev. Canon Thompson; Rev. Samuel Meek, B.A.; Rev. William Scott, B.A.; Messrs. Robert Carson Wilson and Thomas Hamilton.

Co-opted members—Rev. James Craig Wallace, B.A.; Rev. Canon Bennett, M.A.; Messrs. Thomas Butler Stoney, J.P.; John S. Weir, J.P.; David Wilson, B.A.

Meetings of the Board.—The Board held four stated and five special meetings during the year. A tabulated statement of the attendance of members is appended hereto.

At the meeting held 5th November, 1896, his Honor Judge Craig was re-elected the Representative Commissioner of the Board.

At a special meeting of the Board convened for the purpose on 14th January, 1897, seven elected members being present, the above members were again co-opted for 1897.

At the meeting, held 4th February, 1897, Rev. Robert M'Morris, D.D., was elected Chairman; Thomas Butler Stoney, Esq., J.P., Vice-Chairman; and Mr. Thomas Hamilton, Secretary, for the year.

Messrs. T. Butler Stoney, J.P., Robert Carson Wilson, and the Secretary were appointed as a House Committee in charge of repairs to the Royal School premises. These members, with the addition of Mr. John S. Weir, J.P., were appointed as a committee to carry out negotiations for the purchase of Royal School premises, and to look after the proposed alterations.

At the meeting held on 6th May, on the motion of Rev. William Scott, of which notice had been given at the previous quarterly meeting, the date of the quarterly meetings was fixed for the last Friday in July, October, January, and April.

Raphoe Royal School.—The Royal School continues to progress, the number of pupils having increased during the year. There are now on the roll of the School 70 pupils, 6 of whom are boarders, and 64 day pupils; there are 7 under the age of 12 years, and 3 Free pupils. A class for Painting under an efficient teacher was opened during the year.

The Teaching Staff is as follows:—Philander J. Bain, Esq., Head Master; Messrs. H. D. Canning, M.A.; Charles E. Beer, L.C.P., Assistant Masters; Mr. Charles Bain, Pupil Teacher; Miss D. A. Bain, Principal of the Girls' School; Miss Martha Porter, Pupil Teacher; Miss M'Cutcheon, Teacher of Drawing and Painting.

The subjects of instruction given in the School are Greek, Latin, French, German, English (in all its branches), Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Drawing, Painting, Music, Typewriting, and Shorthand.

The number of pupils in attendance in each class during the year has been as follows:—

Senior Class,	6
Middle Class,	8
Junior (A) Class,	17
Junior (B) Class,	13
Preparatory (A) Class,	14
Preparatory (B) Class,	12

The following (among others) have received instruction in the prescribed subjects, and have made over 100 attendances each at the Royal School during the year:—

NAMES.	Ages.	NAMES.	Ages.
1. Robert Vance,	18	11. Basil M'Gregor,	15
2. Andrew Thompson,	15	12. Gilmour Neill,	15
3. Oswald Hamilton,	15	13. Esther M'Gregor,	15
4. Richard Hamilton,	15	14. Charles Given,	15
5. Samuel M'Cauland,	18	15. Robert J. Irwin,	15
6. Samuel Porterfield,	17	16. Christina Dagg,	15
7. Elizabeth Thompson,	15	17. Cecil Dagg,	13
8. William N. Lyttle,	17	18. Andrew Gibson,	17
9. Alexander Lyttle,	15	19. Henry Hamilton,	12
10. Thomas Cromie,	15	20. Margaret M'Cauland,	16

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LIST of PUPILS who passed the Intermediate Examination in 1897.

No.	Name of Pupil.	Marks.	No.	Name of Pupil.	Marks.
	Senior Grade.			Junior Grade—*continued.*	
6908	Samuel Porterfield, . .	1123	2919	Richard Hamilton, . .	1000
			4420	Alexander J. Lyttle, . .	838
	Middle Grade.		4789	Alexander Montgomery, .	1759
6269	John M'Conaghy, . .	1297	10232	Robert D M'Thail, . .	99
10459	Andrew Gibson, . . .	611	2540	Esther L. M'Gregor, . .	85
			8726	Mary E. Portorfield, . .	550
	Junior Grade.		11057	Margaret M'Causland, . .	407
3166	Robert J. A. Cole, .	501			
3202	Thomas Cromie, . . .	663		Preparatory Grade.	
2835	David H. C. Given, . .	1411	904	Oswald Hamilton, . .	1509

Income and Expenditure.—The income of the Board has been expended on the salary of the Head Master and the maintenance of the Royal School premises. The statement of the Account for the year ended 31st December, 1896, duly audited, is sent herewith.

Free Places.—The examination for Free Places was fixed for 19th August, 1896, and was duly advertised in three Derry newspapers.

The Examiners were—Rev. Canon Thompson and Rev. William Scott, who reported that John James Harper was the only candidate, that he had satisfied them in his examination, and that they had admitted him as a Free Pupil at the Royal School for the next two years.

Bazaar.—A very successful Bazaar has recently been held at which over £400 has been realized, which is to be expended on improvements and extension of the Royal School premises.

Adopted at the meeting of the Board held 30th July, 1897.

[Seal.] ALEX. G. LECKY, *Chairman.*

DONEGAL PROTESTANT BOARD of EDUCATION—Attendance of Members for the year ending 1st August, 1896.

Names.	Aug. 6.	Sept. 11.	Nov. 6.	Jan. 14.	Feb. 4.	Mar. 5.	Mar. 19.	May 6.	June 4.	Total.
Rev. Robert M'Morris, D.D., . . .	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	6
William H. Boyd, Esq., D.L., . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rev. John Molloy, B.A., . . .	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	4
Rev. A. G. Lecky, B.A., . . .	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	7
Rev. Canon Thompson, . . .	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	4
Robert Carson Wilson, Esq., . .	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	4
Rev. Samuel Meek, B.A., . . .	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	6
Rev. William Scott, B.A., . . .	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	6
Mr. Thomas Hamilton, . . .	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Rev. Jas. Craig Wallace, B.A., . .	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	4
Thomas Butler Stoney, Esq., J.P., . .	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	4
John S. Weir, Esq., J.P., . . .	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	6
Rev. Canon Bennett, M.A., . . .	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	6
David Wilson, Esq., . . .	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	3

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The ACCOUNT of the DONEGAL PROTESTANT BOARD of EDUCATION for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

Dr. *Cr.*

CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account,	8 8 3	By Amount of Payments made in the year ended 31st December, 1896, under the following headings:—		
" Amount of Endowments received in the year ended 31st December, 1896,	41 13 2	Maintenance of Promises, &c.,	7 11 8	
		Rent and Taxes, &c.,	12 8 2	
		Salaries,	55 0 0	
" Amount of Subscriptions received in the year ended 31st December, 1896,	3 10 0	Prizes,	8 10 0	
				84 9 10
" Amount of Rents received in the year ended 31st December, 1896,	31 8 3	Other payments, viz.:—		
		Insurance,	2 3 3	
		Advertising Free Places,	5 0 11	
" Amount due to Secretary on 31st December, 1896,	23 3 10	Small Payments,	1 4 8	8 8 10
		Total payment,		92 12 8
		Balance, per Bank Book,	—	16 3 12
Total,	£108 2 8	Total,		£108 2 0

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.] R. M'MORRIS, *Chairman.*

THOS. HAMILTON, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 4th day of February, 1897.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

J. F. MAYNE, *Auditor.*

27th day of February, 1897.

VI. Donegal Roman Catholic Board of Education.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour of submitting to you the Sixth Annual Report of proceedings of the Donegal Roman Catholic Board of Education.

The Members of the Local Board are the Most Rev. Patrick O'Donnell, D.D., Chairman; Joseph M'Loone, Esq., J.P., Vice-Chairman; Right Rev. Monsignor M'Fadden, Treasurer; Right Rev. Monsignor M'Glynn, Hon. Secretary; Very Rev. Joseph Boyle, P.P., Manus M'Fadden, Esq., J.P.; Patrick M'Menamin, Esq., J.P.; and Hugh M'Devitt, Esq.

The School Committee consists of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Monsignor M'Fadden, Mr. M'Menamin and Mr. M'Fadden.

The Catholic members of the Estates Committee are Monsignor M'Fadden, Messrs. M'Menamin and M'Fadden.

Five meetings were held during the year, at three of which the Chairman presided. The Vice-Chairman presided at one, and the Treasurer was elected chairman of the other. Appended is a table showing the attendance of the several members at the meetings during the year ended 1st August, 1897.

At a meeting held on the 22nd December, the Very Rev. James M'Ginley, Dean, Maynooth, was elected Commissioner to represent our Board in place of the Very Rev. Dr. Maguire, who resigned.

The Secretary to the Commissioners brought under the notice of our Board a proposition made by the Donegal Protestant Board to buy the interest of the Catholic Board in the Raphoe Royal School premises. Our Board regarded the proposal reasonable, but up to the present the price is not fixed.

The Teaching Staff in St Eunan's Seminary are the Very Rev. H. Gallagher, President; Fathers Kennedy and M'Shane, assisted by Mr. Magner, B.A. The subjects of instruction given in the school are Latin, Greek, French, English, Celtic, Euclid, Algebra, Arithmetic, Natural Philosophy, and Trigonometry. Some fifty pupils attended the School during this year. A list of twenty names of pupils, who made over one hundred attendances during the year, has been forwarded to Mr. N. D. Murphy, M.A., Inspector of Schools under the Scheme. It appears, from the official list of passes at the Intermediate Examinations published this week, that eighteen pupils from St. Eunan's Seminary passed this year. The official list of Exhibitions and Prizes has not yet been published.

The Examiners appointed to hold the examination for Free Places under the Raphoe Royal School Endowment were the Very Rev. Dr. Maguire, Mr. Bannon, Inspector of National Schools, and the four Professors of the Seminary. The Examinations were held in the end of August.

This Report was adopted, sealed, and signed at a meeting held in Stranorlar, 2nd September, 1897.

We have the honour to be, my Lords and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servants,

JOSEPH M'LOONE, *Chairman,*

CHARLES M'GLYNN, V.G., *Hon. Sec*

Stranorlar, 2nd September, 1897.

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LIST of ATTENDANCES at Meetings of the DONEGAL ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD of EDUCATION, held in the year ended 31st July, 1897.

MEMBERS.	12 Sept., 1896.	22 Dec., 1896.	26 April, 1897.	17 May, 1897.	12 July, 1897.	TOTALS.
Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell,	-	-	1	1	1	3
Right Rev. Monsignor M'Fadden,	1	1	-	1	1	4
Right Rev. Monsignor M'Glynn,	1	1	1	1	1	3
Very Rev. Joseph Boyle, P.P.,	1	-	1	-	1	3
Rev. P. J. Brennan, C.C.,	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joseph M'Loone, Esq., J.P.,	-	1	-	1	-	0
Manus M'Fadden, Esq., J.P.,	-	-	-	-	1	1
Patrick M'Menamin, Esq., J.P.,	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hugh M'Devitt, Esq.,	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals,	3	3	3	4	3	—

(Signed), CHARLES M'GLYNN, *Hon. Sec.*

Stranorlar, 2nd September, 1897.

ACCOUNT of the DONEGAL ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD of EDUCATION for the year ended the 31st December, 1896.

Dr. *Cr.*

CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Amount received from the Commissioners of Education,	117 0 0	Salaries, including Free Places,	—	95 0 0
		Bank Balance as per last Account,	12 0 7	
		Interest on overdraft,	0 0 0	12 15 7
		Balance in favour of this Account on Dec. 31, 1896,	—	9 4 5
Total,	£117 0 0	Total,	—	£ 117 0 0

We certify the above is a true account.

[Seal.] JOSEPH M'LOONE, J.P.

CHARLES M'GLYNN, P.P., *Hon. Sec.*

Dated September 2, 1897.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

J. F. MAYNE, *Auditor*,

8th day of September, 1897.

VII. Fermanagh Protestant Board of Education.

REPORT of the FERMANAGH PROTESTANT BOARD of EDUCATION for the year ended August 1, 1897.

The Board held the usual quarterly meetings during the year, and the attendance of members was as follows:—

—	Meetings.	—	Meetings.
Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Clogher,	1	Andrew Stuart,	2
Rev. Canon Ovendan, D.D.,	2	William Carson, J.P.,	3
Rev. W. N. Haire-Foster, J.P.,	3	William Teale, J.P.,	1
William R. Cooney,	4	Rev. Robert Boyle,	1
Dr. O. Tarnan,	4		

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The School Committee met six times during the year, and gave special attention to the much-needed improvement of the water supply to Portora Royal School. New pipes have been laid where necessary, and a force-pump erected at the foot of the hill, for use in case of defective pressure from the town main.

There has been no change in the Membership of the Board, or in the Teaching Staff of the school, during year under review, or in the subjects taught in the school.

The Board reports with great satisfaction that Portora Royal School has maintained its high position, and that the attendance of pupils has exceeded that of any previous year since the re-organization scheme came into operation.

The year began with 113 pupils on the roll and ended with 125, of whom ninety-one were boarders Seventy-three pupils presented themselves at the Intermediate Examination in 1897, and thirty-three of these passed—the explanation of the small percentage of passes being that all the pupils of suitable age receiving instruction in Intermediate course were entered for examination.

The usual competitive examination for Free Places was announced, but no candidates offered. Five Free Pupils however remained in the school till the close of the year.

The Board made a further payment of £300 towards the reduction of the Portora debt which now stands at £2,000.

The Board approved of the action of the Fermanagh Estate Committee in refusing the tenants offer to buy out their holdings at seventeen years purchase on their judicial rents, and forwarded a Memorandum of their views on the subject to the Commissioners of Education, showing that there would be scarcely any income left during the lifetime of the principal annuitant were such a proposal entertained. In view of the reduction made on the rental of the Fermanagh Estate the Board considers that the Commissioners might realize the profit that has accrued on the invested funds of the Fermanagh Endowment, and re-invest the proceeds in approved Debenture Stocks of Railways in the United Kingdom, or in Colonial Government Securities; and the Board believes that if this were done the capital and income would both be considerably increased.

Signed and sealed by order of the Board this 17th November, 1897.

A. N. Haire Forster, *Chairman.*
W. Teele.
Robert Boyle.

The Account of Fermanagh Protestant Board of Education for the year ended 31st December, 1896.

Dr. *Cr.*

Charge.	£ s. d.	Discharge.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance, as per last Account,	262 9 11	By Amount of Payments made in the year ended 31st December, 1896, under the following headings:—		
„ Amount of Rents received in the year ended 31st December, 1896,	28 17 11	Maintenance of Premises, &c.,	186 1 3	
„ Amount of Fees received in the year ended 31st December, 1896,	543 0 0	Rent and Taxes, &c.,	24 1 11	
	£ s. d.	Salaries,	1,052 0 11	
Commissioners of Education (Ireland),	499 4 1	Educational Expenses,	12 4 10	
Ulster Banking Co. Interest on Account Current,	4 12 8	Prizes,	10 0 0	1,315 8 11
	503 16 0	Other Payments, viz.:— Commissioners of Education (Ireland), (for reduction of Portora Debt),	300 0 0	
		Petty Cash Account,	7 0 0	307 0 0
		Total Payment,	—	1,622 8 11
		Balance per Bank Book,	125 14 9	
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1896,	—	125 14 3
Total,	£1,648 9 7	Total,	—	£1,648 3 7

We certify that the above is a true account.

[Seal.] Charles T. Ovenden, *Governor.*
S. Cuthbert Mitchel, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 13th day of January, 1897.

I certify that the foregoing account is correct.

22nd day of February, 1897. J. F. Mayne, *Auditor.*

VIII. Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.

Report of the Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education for the Year to August 1, 1897.

The members of the Board at present are:—Most Rev. Richard Owens, D.D., Lord Bishop of Clogher, Chairman; Right Rev. Monsignor Smollen, V.G., P.P., Vice-Chairman; Very Rev. Laurence Canon O'Neill, P.P.; Very Rev. Patrick Canon Smyth, P.P.; Very Rev. Monsignor Meegan, P.P.; Patrick Rafferty, Esq., J.P.; Anthony Cassidy, Esq.; Hugh R. Lindsay, Esq.; D. Carolan Rushe, Esq., O.A., Hon. Sec.

During the year the Board held five meetings:—23rd September, 9th December; 2nd March; 7th April; 3rd June. At the meeting of the 7th April the following resolution was passed:—"That the Right Rev. Monsignor Smollen, Mr. A. Cassidy, and Mr. H. R. Lindsay be elected to represent this Board on the Estates Committee of this Endowment."

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There has been no change made since last year in the constitution of the School Committee.

The Annual Competitive Examination for Free Places was held after due notice on 23rd June. Four Free Places, value respectively, £25, £15, £10, and £10, were offered for competition. Fourteen candidates competed. The Free Places were awarded to the following candidates:—Patrick Smyth; Edward Farry; Patrick M'Govern, and James Murphy. In addition to the four Free Places above-mentioned, St. Macarten's Seminary offered for competition and awarded two Free Places, value respectively, £15 and £10, to candidates not qualified to compete under the Scheme. This year as well as last year the answering of the candidates has, according to the report (copy of which is sent herewith) of the Examiners, been highly satisfactory.

Further improvements, including the heating of the various parts of the house by hot water, have been carried out in St. Macarten's Seminary in the course of the past year.

Attendance Table—Number of meetings held, 5.

Members of Board.	Number of Attendances.	Members of Board.	Number of Attendances.
Most Rev. Richard Owens, D.D. (Chairman),	6	Anthony Cassidy, Esq.,	2
Right Rev. Monsignor Smollen (Vice-Chairman),	3	Hugh R. Lindsay, Esq.,	1
Very Rev. Monsignor Meegan,	4	Patrick Rafferty, Esq.,	2
Very Rev. Canon O'Neill,	1	D. Carolan Rushe, Esq. (Hon. Sec.),	4
Very Rev. Canon Smyth,	3		

The following pupils have made over 100 attendances during the school year:—

Grade.	Name.	Date of Birth.	Grade.	Name.	Date of Birth.
Senior,	Albert H. Boyland,	21st September, 1880.	Junior,	Patrick Cullinan,	20th April, 1881.
"	Laurence Murray,	29th January, 1880.	"	Aubrey Clooney,	14th June, 1882.
"	James Hart,	27th January, 1880.	Preparatory.	Michael M'Carvill,	20th August, 1883.
"	Thomas Farry,	3rd December, 1879.	Junior,	Francis Duffy,	15th April, 1883.
Middle,	James B. Murray,	4th August, 1880.	Preparatory.	James A. M'Kinney,	1st May, 1884.
"	Charles M'Sherry,	11th May, 1881.	Junior,	Michael J. Hackett,	11th February, 1883.
"	Owen Hackett,	22nd December, 1880.	"	William Treacey,	23th July, 1881
"	Peter Dwyer,	21st July, 1879.	"	Terence Joseph Duffy,	7th March, 1883.
Junior,	Claude Martin,	4th August, 1881.	"	Peter M'Geough,	5th December, 1880.
"	John Duffy,	8th February, 1882.	Preparatory.	Richard Lenihan,	27th October, 1884.

The first nineteen pupils on the above list passed the Intermediate Examinations in the qualifying subjects in June, 1897.

Thirty-five pupils presented themselves for examination at last Intermediate Examinations. The following is a list of those who passed:—

Official Examination Number.	Name of Pupil.	Grade.	Official Examination Number.	Name of Pupil.	Grade.
6712	Albert H. Boyland,	Senior.	10074	P. J. Cullinan,	Junior.
6835	Laurence Murray,	"	3146	Aubrey Clooney,	"
6768	James Harts,	"	4824	P. J. Merris,	"
6764	Thomas Farry,	"	3847	Francis Duffy,	"
10621	Hugh Gallagher,	"	6371	William J. Saunderson,	"
10673	John Ward,	"	3903	Michael Hackett,	"
6866	James B. Murray,	Middle.	5532	John Timoney,	"
6304	Charles M'Sherry,	"	4917	Michael Naughten,	"
3111	Owen Hackett,	"	5001	William Treacey,	"
10443	Peter Dwyer,	"	3562	Terence J. Duffy,	"
10017	Edward Boyle,	Junior	10219	Peter M'Geough,	"
4983	P. O'Callaghan,	"	1406	Michael M'Carvill,	Preparatory.
10223	John M'Hugh,	"	1603	James A. M'Kinney,	"
4706	Claude Martin,	"	1204	Richard Lenihan,	"
3540	John Duffy,	"			

Correct copies of the last audited Account for year ended 31st December, 1896, and of the Examiner's Report of Free Places Examination held in June of this year, accompany this Report.

The Teaching Staff of St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan, is the same as last year.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board held 27th September, 1897.

(Signed), ✠ RICHARD OWENS, *Chairman of Board.*
[Seal.] D. CAROLAN RUSHE, *Honorary Secretary.*

31st October, 1897.

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EXAMINER'S REPORT of the ANNUAL COMPETITIVE FREE PLACES EXAMINATION held in ST. MACARTEN'S SEMINARY, MONAGHAN, in JUNE, 1897.

To the Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.

MY LORD AND GENTLEMEN,

In pursuance of the Resolution passed by your Board at its meeting held on the 10th of September, 1895, the Annual Competitive Examination for Free Places in St. Macarten's Seminary was held here on 23rd and 24th June, 1897. Four Free Places, value respectively, £25, £15, £10, and £10, were offered for competition, Fourteen candidates, of whom eleven were qualified under the Scheme, presented themselves. Of the eleven qualified candidates, ten satisfied all the required formalities.

The Free Places were awarded to the following candidates:—Patrick Smyth, Edward Farry, Patrick M'Govern, and James Murphy.

It is satisfactory to be able to report that the answering of the candidates, especially of the prize winners, was up to the high standard reached by the candidates at last year's Examination. We noted with special satisfaction that a more intelligent knowledge of English Grammar was shown this year than in previous years. There is, however, something still to be desired in the matter of English Composition.

This year again St. Macarten's Seminary was able to award out of its private resources two Free Places, value, respectively, £15 and £10.

Appended is a copy of the results of the Examination.

I have the honour to remain,
My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

EDWARD MULHERN.

St. Macarten's Seminary,
Monaghan.

ULSTER ROYAL SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS.

FERMANAGH ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION.

RESULTS of the SEVENTH ANNUAL EXAMINATION for FREE PLACES.

Order of Merit.	Candidate's Name.	Address.	Dictation.	Grammar.	English Composition	Geography.	Arithmetic.	Algebra.	Euclid.	Reading.	Total.	
			40	300	100	150	240	200	200	20	1,320	
1	Patrick Smyth,	Cornaanure (N. S.), Ballybay,	29	322	70	138	240	200	199	25	1,210	a
2	Edward Farry,	Cornaanure (N. S.), Ballybay,	34	302	90	130	240	200	200	15	1,101	b
3	James Murray,	Drumsheesy (N. S.), Threemilehouse,	40	276	95	111	220	200	210	20	1,172	b
4	James J. M'Manus,	Dromore (N. S.),	28	273	70	120	237	85	155	25	989	c
5	Patrick M'Govern,	Tullyvogue (N. S.), Pettigo,	15	207	70	127	140	70	200	25	854	d
6	James Murphy,	Agnaglough, Castlehaven,	24	225	60	99	155	70	132	15	833	d
7	Hugh M'Caffrey,	Leitrim (N. S.), Tyhelland,	15	246	25	105	23	80	200	12	728	
8	Edward Hart,	Clonmaulin, Newtownbutler,	29	234	50	70	83	60	105	18	705	
9	James Martin,	Clones (N. S.),	23	208	15	90	130	20	135	15	636	
10	Richard Corrigan,	Arney,	25	202	30	98	145	8	170	25	695	
11	James H. Quinn,	Ballen (N. S.), Clones,	30	203	50	104	89	10	88	30	213	
12	Peter Connolly,	Ballymackery, Killaney,	20	205	15	90	30	80	157	20	564	
13	John M'Quillan,	Cordull, Carrickmacross,	13	157	20	15	115	45	15	25	435	
14	Thomas Mulligan,	Ballen (N. S.), Clones, and Maguiresbridge (N. S.),	0	81	10	30	45	0	0	25	200	

(a) Free Place, value £25 a year for two years.
(b, c) " " £15 " "
(d) " " £10 " "

(e) Tyrone Competition.

E. MULHERN
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The Account of the Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education for the year ended 31st December, 1896.

Dr. *Cr.*

Charge.	£ s. d.	Discharge	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account,	236 3 4	By Amount of Payments made in the year ended 31st December, 1896, under the following headings:—		
" Amount of Donations, Bequests, and other Endowments, received in the year ended 31st December, 1896,	893 13 8	Salaries,	400 0 8	
		Maintenance of Resident Staff,	375 0 0	
		Educational Expenses,	165 0 0	
		Prizes,	90 0 0	1,030 0 0
		Balance, per Bank Book,	100 6 8	
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1896,	—	100 6 3
Total,	£1,130 7 0	Total,	—	£1,130 7 0

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.] ✠ Richard Owens, *Chairman of Board.*
Dated this 27th day of February, 1897. D. Carolan Rushe, *Secretary.*

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

6th day of April, 1897. J. F. Mayne, *Auditor.*

IX. Tyrone Protestant Board of Education.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Tyrone Protestant Board of Education have the honour to submit the Report of their proceedings for the year ending July 31st, 1897.

There has been no change in the constitution of the Board during the year, the members being James Brown, Esq., J.P., Chairman; Col. Ynyr H. Burges, D.L., Vice-Chairman; Rev. Canon Richards, D.D.; Rev. H. B. Wilson, D.D.; Major Burleigh Stuart; James Dickson, Esq., J.P.; William Wilson, Esq., J.P.; W. J. Venables, Esq.; Richard Love, Esq., J.P., Hon. Sec. The Rev. H. B. Wilson, D.D., was elected Commissioner of Education, and the former members of both School and Estates Committees were retained in office.

Five meetings of the Board were held, and three of the School Committee.

The financial position and general routine business of the School were under consideration, while the maintenance of the premises and the improvement of their internal arrangement had a due share of attention.

Having fulfilled the necessary conditions under the "Agreement," we obtained from you the conveyance of the Royal School premises in fee.

Much as we would desire to introduce a few extra subjects into the School curriculum, we find we are crippled by the want of funds, and much regret that His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant was unable to give a more favourable reply to your request for assistance from some public fund.

It is a matter of satisfaction to us that the general teaching of the School has been carried on with commendable diligence and effect, as shown by the following University and Intermediate awards gained by the pupils this year, viz.:—

Trinity College, Dublin.

E. H. Harper, Junior Exhibition, First Place; Second High Place at Entrance.

Royal University.

First Arts Examination.

T. Rea, First of First Class Honours in German; Second Class Honours in English.

Matriculation Examination.

E. H. Harper, First Class Exhibition, Second Place; First of First Class Honours in Mathematics, First of First Class Honours in Natural Philosophy; First Class in Latin.

Intermediate Examinations.

Senior Grade, W. J. M'Iver, Book Prize, retained Exhibition of £20.
Middle Grade, J. Johnston, Book Prize, retained Exhibition of £20.
Junior Grade, R. Beatty, Exhibition of £20 for three years.
Preparatory Grade, A. Bullick, Exhibition of £20.
" " W. D. W. Matthews, Exhibition of £20.
" " A. Patton, Book Prize of £1.
" " C. Burgess, Book Prize of £1.
" " W. D. W. Matthews, German Composition Prize of £2.
" " First Place in German, W. D. W. Matthews.

Twenty-seven pupils "passed" the Intermediate Examinations generally.

A competitive Examination for Two Free Places offered by the Board, was held on the 17th July, for which there were but three candidates. The examiner reported the answering as "poor," and no Free Places were awarded. The result, though disappointing, will no doubt draw the attention of teachers to the necessity of imparting a better groundwork in the primary education of the district.

The premises have been well maintained and several internal improvements effected.

The audited account for the year 1896 is enclosed, also the returns of attendance of the members of the Board and School Committee.

We have the honour to be
Your obedient servants,

Royal School, Dungannon, James Brown, *Chairman.*
August 2nd, 1897. Richard Love, *Hon. Secretary.*

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The ACCOUNT of the TYRONE PROTESTANT BOARD of EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1896.

Dr. *Cr.*

CHARGE	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account,	150 0 10	By Amount of Payments made in the year ended 31st December, 1896, under the following headings:—		
" Amount of Donations, Bequests, and other Endowments received in the year ended 31st December, 1896,	433 16 11	Maintenance of Premises, &c.,	82 5 5	
" Amount of Interest received in the year ended 31st December, 1896,	19 18 5	Rent and Taxes, &c.,	58 13 5	
" Amount of Rents received in the year ended 31st December, 1896,	29 5 6	Salaries,	150 0 0	
		Educational Expenses,	5 12 0	
		Prizes,	12 0 0	308 16 8
		Other Payments, viz.:—		
		Audit,	1 1 0	
		Cheque Book,	0 4 2	1 5 2
		Total Payment,	—	305 1 10
		Balance per Bank Book,	356 17 10	
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1896,	—	356 17 10
Total,	£661 19 8	Total,	—	£661 19 8

We certify that the above is a true account.

[Seal.]

JAMES BROWN, *Governor.*
RICHARD LOVE, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 24th day of March, 1897.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

J. F. MAYNE, *Auditor.*

2nd day of April, 1897.

X. Tyrone Roman Catholic Board of Education.

Meetings were held in the year covered by this Report:—

1. Thursday, 24th September, 1896.
2. Thursday, 17th December, 1896.
3. Thursday, 18th March, 1897.
4. Monday, 21st June, 1897.

The Board consists of the following members:—

1. The Most Rev. John K. O'Doherty, D.D., Lord Bishop of Derry.
2. Right Rev. Monsignor Peter James Byrne, P.P., V.G., Dungannon, Dean of Armagh.
3. Right Rev. Monsignor Bernard M'Namee, P.P., V.F., Omagh.
4. Very Rev. Thomas Canon Rice, P.P., V.F., Cookstown.
5. Very Rev. John Joseph Canon M'Cartan, P.P., Donaghmore.
6. William James Reynolds, Esq., Solicitor, Dungannon.
7. Edward Boyle, Esq., J.P., Omagh.
8. Patrick Meenan, Esq., J.P., Fintona.
9. Henry Tohall, J.P., Moy.

Commissioner of Education.—Right Rev. Monsignor Byrne, P.P., V.G., Dungannon.

Chairman.—Right Rev. Monsignor Byrne, P.P., V.G., Dungannon.

Vice-Chairman.—Very Rev. Thomas Canon Rice, P.P., V.F., Cookstown.

Honorary Secretary.—Henry Tohall, J.P., Moy, Co. Tyrone.

Treasurer.—Provincial Bank, Dungannon.

Estate Committee.—Very Rev. Thomas Canon Rice, Wm. Jas. Reynolds, Esq., Henry Tohall, J.P.

School Committee.—Right Rev. Monsignor Byrne, Very Rev. Canon Rice, Very Rev. Canon M'Cartan, Wm. Jas. Reynolds, Esq., Henry Tohall.

The progress of both male and female pupils attending St Patrick's Academy during year 1896–'97 was fairly satisfactory; while the standard of education as tested by the Intermediate Examinations was not as high as might be desirable, the general proficiency was up to average.

In the male department twenty-one pupils were examined and eleven passed. In the female, twelve were examined and ten passed.

We should say, however, by way of explanation, that almost the entire pupils of the Academy were examined; as the number on rolls was only thirty-eight, of whom thirty-three were examined.

Each year shows an improvement in the standard of the pupils entering the Academy, and there is every reason to hope that in the near future both the attendance and proficiency of the pupils will show a marked improvement.

At the Competitive Examination for Free Places held on the 17th of August, sixteen pupils competed, two of whom were found to be not eligible.

Six were awarded Free Places, having scored over 50 per cent. of the possible marks; this percentage being the minimum allowed to gain a pass.

Besides Free Places the Board tried the experiment of offering free railway tickets to successful candidates, and are much pleased with the result; as several of this year's pupils show a high degree of proficiency in their general English education.

By the death of Michael Mackin, Esq., J.P., Fintona, the Board lost a much-respected member. Patrick Meenan, Esq., J.P., Fintona, has been co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Board.

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MEMBERS OF THE TEACHING STAFF.

Rev. David O'Connell, Head Master, Intermediate Exhibitioner, 3 Grades, Dunboyne Student.
P. J. M'Namara, Intermediate Exhibitioner, 3 Grades, and Medallist, University Exhibitioner, 2nd Arts Undergraduate, R.U.I.
John O'Hart Devine, University Honorsman, 2nd University Man, R.U.I., Medallist.
Sister M. Josephine Carey.

The following pupils (among others) have each made over 100 attendances, and have received instruction in Latin, Greek, English, French, Ancient and Modern History, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, and Drawing :—

No.	Names.	Dates of Births.	Days in Attendances.	No.	Names.	Dates of Births.	Days in Attendance.
1	William Greaney,	29 February, 1880,	179	11	Edward Kelly,	28 November, 1884,	612
2	Charles Vincent Cullen,	16 August, 1882	221	12	Robert Lavery,	31 October, 1879,	206
3	John O'Neill,	7 November, 1882	223	13	Joseph Lanigan,	6 May, 1883,	223
4	William F. M'Naney,	11 October, 1882,	224	14	Edward Austen Hurson,	8 April, 1882,	179
5	James Hurson,	5 July, 1882,	207	15	Agnes Kelly,	12 December, 1880,	152
6	Thomas Lord,	3 August, 1882,	223	16	Mary M. Kelly,	28 July, 1880,	176
7	Joseph D. M'Naney,	3 August, 1883,	205	17	Annie Kelly,	4 February, 1883,	160
8	Hugh M'Oscar,	31 January, 1884,	227	18	Mary C. M'Shane,	26 May, 1883	101
9	John H. Harbison,	27 March, 1885,	218	19	Rose Loughran,	27 December, 1883,	171
10	Henry Tohall,	11 February, 1884,	218	20	Mary C. Daly,	19 May, 1884,	184

The following pupils have passed the Intermediate Examinations of 1897 :—

Official Examination Number.	Names.	Grade.	Marks.	Official Examination Number.	Names.	Grade.	Marks.
6757	William Greaney,	Senior,	254	9317	Agnes Kelly,	Middle,	474
3330	Charles Vincent Cullen,	Junior,	413	9316	Mary M. Kelly,	"	495
5079	John O'Neill,	"	451	8397	Annie Kelly,	Junior,	1053
4031	William F. M'Naney,	"	504	8865	Mary C. M'Shane	"	965
6112	James Hurson,	"	1453	7412	Rose Loughran,	Preparatory,	1539
4304	Thomas Lord,	"	1216	7158	Mary C. Daly,	"	871
1623	Joseph D. M'Naney,	Preparatory,	1831	7274	Margaret Greene,	"	657
1625	Hugh M'Oscar,	"	778	7110	Agatha Collins,	"	409
1014	John H. Harbison,	"	1601	7310	Mary Agnes Henry,	"	401
2446	Henry Tohall,	"	874	11072	Margaret Muldoon,	Junior,	267
1251	Edward Kelly,	"	754				

LIST of the Attendances of the Members of the Board, at the Meetings for the year ended 1st August, 1897.

—	Meeting, 24th Sept., 1896.	Meeting, 17th Dec., 1896.	Meeting, 18th March, 1897	Meeting, 21st June, 1897	Total.
1. Most Rev. John K. O'Doherty, D.D., Lord Bishop of Derry, Derry,	–	–	–	–	–
2. Right Rev. Monsignor Peter James Byrne, P.P., V.G., Dean, Dungannon	1	1	1	1	4
3. Right Rev. Monsignor Bernard M'Namee, P.P., V.F., Omagh,	–	–	–	1	1
4. Very Rev. Thomas Canon Rice, P.P., V.F., Cookstown,	–	1	–	1	2
5. Very Rev. John Joseph Canon M'Cartan, P.P., Donaghmore,	1	1	–	1	3
6. Wm. James Reynolds, Esq., Solicitor, Dungannon,	1	1	1	1	4
7. Edward Royle, Esq., J.P., Omagh,	–	–	–	–	–
8. Patrick Meenan, Esq., J.P., Fintona,	–	1	–	–	1
9. Henry Tohall, J.P., Moy,	1	1	1	1	4
Number of Members at each Meeting.	4	8	3	6	—

Members falling under the disqualification for non attendance, recited in sections 37 and 38 of the Scheme, have been again co-opted, under the provisions of the same section.

A copy of the audited accounts for the year 1896 is sent herewith.

Dated this 9th day of December, 1897, and sealed with the Common Seal of this Board ; and signed,

P. J. BYRNE, *Chairman.*

(Seal.) HENRY TOHALL, *Hon. Sec*

The Commissioners of Education in Ireland.

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The ACCOUNT of TYRONE ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD of EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1896.

Dr. *Cr.*

CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account,	525 3 6	By Amount of Payments made in the year ended 31st December, 1896, under the following headings:—		
" Amount of Dividends received in the year ended 31st December, 1896,	5 14 1	Rent and Taxes, &c.,	20 0 0	
		Salaries,	224 6 8	
" Amount of Fees received in the year ended 31st December, 1896,	35 4 8	Educational Expenses,	4 2 0	
		Prizes,	108 5 4	364 16 3
" Amount placed to the credit of this Board by the Commissioners of Education in Ireland in the Provincial Bank of Ireland, Dungannon, for the year ended 31st December, 1896,	516 7 10	Other payments, viz.:—		
		Coals,	3 1 0	
		Attendant and Cleaning School,	9 11 0	
		Printing,	0 10 0	
		Clerk for School,	2 0 0	
		Messengers, &c.,	0 3 0	
		Auditor for last year's Accounts,	1 1 5	
		Secretary's Stationery and Postage,	0 0 5	14 3 3
		" Amount invested in the year ended 31st December, 1896,	—	600 5 0
		Total Payment,	—	981 5 5
		Balance, per Bank Book,	201 11 5	
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1896,	—	201 11 5
		Total,	—	1,082 13 3
		N.B.—Besides the above Balance there are Sums Standing to the credit of this Account in the following Securities:—		
Total, £	1,082 13 3	On Deposit Receipt in Provincial Bank of Ireland, Dungannon,	—	800 0 0

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.] P. J. BYRNE, *Governor.*

HENRY TORALL, *Accounting Officer*

Dated this 9th day of December, 1897.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

W. POLEY, *Auditor.*

14th day of December, 1897.

XI. Abbeyleix Local School Authority.

PRESTON SCHOOL, ABBEYLEIX,
November 22nd, 1897.

DEAR MR. MURPHY,

At our Meeting, Saturday, Lord de Vesci in the chair.
Present—H. B. Stoney; R. E. Odlum; Edmund Burke.
Mr. Carleton was also present.

Messrs. H. B. Stoney, R. E. Odlum, and E. W. Burke were appointed a Committee to draft a plan for disposal of a sum of £700, held in Trust by Lord de Vesci and Colonel Poe, by lodging with the Commissioners of Education, for the purpose of founding a (Protestant) Scholarship of the Preston School in connection with University Education.

Mr. Carleton's report I send you.

It was proposed and passed unaminously:—

"That the Report as now read by Mr. Carleton be adopted, and that it be placed on the minutes, *and be made our* Report to the Commissioners of Education."

It was also proposed and passed:—

"That the thanks and best wishes of the School Authority be given to Mr. Carleton for the manner in which he has conducted the Preston School for past year."

Faithfully yours,
S. LEIGH, *Secretary.*

N. D. Murphy, Esq., B.L.,
23 Nassau Street,
Dublin.

HEAD MASTER'S REPORT FOR YEAR

October, 1896–*October*, 1897.

MY LORD AND GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in submitting my Report for this year.

We closed the Autumn Term of 1896 on December 22nd, our Christmas Vacation extending from that date till the 27th January, 1897. School Examinations were held throughout the School towards the end of the Term, and a printed copy of the Results and Prizes awarded accompanies this Report

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SPRING TERM, 1897.

We re-opened after Christmas Vacation on the 27th January, 1897. My Staff for this Term was altered for the better, consisting of the following gentlemen —

Mr. B. N. Moore (Senior and Upper Junior Mathematics).
Mr. A. J. Butler (Lower Junior Classics, Mathematics, and English).
Mr. D. Murray (Lowest Form in Mathematics and English).
Mr. Dyer (Music).

The result of our luck at the A.P.C.K. Examination was very satisfactory, and shows that our arrangements for the Religious Instruction of our Protestant pupils is satisfactory. I do not go into details, as they appear on the accompanying printed report.

During this Term some of our old pupils creditably passed their Term Examinations in Trinity College, Dublin. In June two of my pupils creditably passed the First University in Arts Examination of the Royal University, one of the candidates obtaining First or Second Class Honors in French. In the middle of June the Intermediate Examinations began, and we had a centre of Examination in Preston School. Six of our candidates succeeded in passing generally, four of them passing with Honors. Altogether we had fifty-seven Passes in different subjects of the Intermediate Programme, and fourteen of these were *Passes with Honors* in Latin, French, English, Euclid, Arithmetic, Algebra, and Drawing.

Our numbers this Term were :—

Boarders,	17
Day Boys,	24
Total,	41

The annual Examination for Free Exhibition took place early in February. There were two candidates—viz., Emmanuel Gillespie and Walter Smith. The Examination was conducted by means of written answers to printed questions set by Dr Biggs, Head Master of Portora, Enniskillen. Gillespie was the successful candidate.

The Spring Term closed on the 27th June, the Midsummer Vacation extending from that date till the 10th August.

During Vacation I had School closets thoroughly lime-washed and disinfected.

AUTUMN TERM, 1897.

We re-opened with the same Staff of Assistants on the 10th August.

Our numbers this Term are :—

Boarders,	23
Day Pupils,	23
Total,	46

Same seventeen Boarders returned, supplemented by six new ones—viz., Hackett i. and ii., Conyers Beamish, Webster, and Jessop. Four day pupils left, and* four new day pupils took their place. Our Classes this term are preparing for

(*a.*) Middle Grade, Intermediate, 1898.
(*b*) Junior Grade.
(*c.*) Preparatory Grade.

*Two additional Day Pupils have joined since, viz, Cole i. and ii.

We have two boys who avail themselves of the Intermediate Classes, so as to be auxiliary to their preparation for Bank of Ireland Clerkship, and a number of the boys avail themselves of the Intermediate Classes to befit them for the Universities or for commercial life.

Having practically only the one large classroom there is unavoidably a confusion of voices owing to so many classes going on simultaneously in the same room. The provision of Woodville House as a Headmaster's residence will provide in the School buildings ample classrooms, and other very desirable accommodation for the boys. Perhaps the furnishing of these extra classrooms with desks and seats might be provided out of the old furniture of the Assembly Room.

Throughout the year the health of the boys has been excellent, and no illness of any kind made its appearance among them except one or two cases of "mumps," which occurred just at the beginning of this year.

The Distribution of Prizes awarded throughout the School year 1896, took place on the 30th October, 1897, and a printed copy of *Leinster Express* report of the proceedings accompanies this Report.

Expenditure on Furniture Fixtures for School during the Year

Owing to the large increase in Boarders throughout the year the number of beds, as to be supplied by School authority, went up from eleven to twenty, *i.e.*, nine beds, mattresses, washstands, toilet ware, boys' wardrobes (all as in accordance with what had been supplied by School Authority in case of previous Boarders) were procured by me, in compliance with the understanding that I had this power from the School Authority to order all requisites up to the requirements for twenty boys. An additional large centre lamp was required for Schoolroom, and this requisite I ventured to supply. The expenditure on these items I hope to lay before the Secretary towards end of this Term.

In concluding my Report for the year it is my duty to express sincere thanks for the very great kindness and helpfulness which the School Authority, collectively and individually, have shown and given to me in my endeavours to promote the interests of the School.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

A. E. M. Carleton.

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The Account of Preston School Authority, Abbeyleix, for the year ended 31st December, 1896.

Dr. *Cr.*

Charge.	£ s d	Discharge.	£ s d	£ s d
To Balance as per last Account, 31st December, 1895, .	987 0 11	By Amount of Payments made in the year ended 31st December 1896 under the following headings:—		
„ Amount of Donations, Bequests, and other Endowments, received in the year ended 31st December 1896, per Commissioners of Education, . .	265 5 10	Maintenance of Premises, &c., .	1,120 5 7	
		Rent and Taxes, &c., . .	18 10 11	
		Salaries, ...	116 5 0	
		Educational Expenses, ...	21 5 0	1,276 6 0
		Other Payments, viz.:—		
		Law Costs, ...	13 0 0	13 0 0
„ Balance due Hibernian Bank, ...	39 0 0	Total Payment, . .	—	1,291 5 0
Total, ... £	1,291 5 0	Total, . . .	—	£1,291 0 0

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.] DE VESCI, *Chairman.*

SAMUEL LEIGH, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 6th day of January, 1897.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

J. F. MAYNE, *Auditor.*

5th March, 1897.

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DUBLIN CASTLE,
18*th April*, 1898.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 15th instant, forwarding, for submission to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Annual Report of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland for the year 1897.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. B. DOUGHERTY.

The Secretary to the Commissioners
of Education in Ireland.
23, Nassau-street.

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